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Liner's Rough Trip

New York, Mar. 22.
The Queen Elizabeth docked on Friday after the worst battering she had experienced "in years" according to her captain who added that the passage was completed without "even breaking a teacup."—Associated Press.

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BEVIN'S PLAN FOR THE NEW GERMANY

Decentralised Govt. System Proposed

Moscow, Mar. 21.

Mr Ernest Bevin proposed to-day the creation of a decentralised governmental system for Germany in which the powers of the central government would be limited.

The British plans submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers coincided in most respects with the general plan submitted of Stuttgart last autumn by the then Secretary of State, Mr James Byrnes, for a "United States of Germany". It is completely opposite from the strong central government which the Soviet's Vyacheslav Molotov proposed.

Mr Bevin proposed the division of powers between the central government and leaders (State Governments) and to vest all powers in the leaders except those expressly delegated to the central government. The central government would have executive and legislative responsibilities essential to secure:

1. Political unity, naturalisation, immigration and foreign affairs.
2. Legal unity, such as principles of criminal law.
3. Economic unity, customs and foreign trade, communications and transportation.
4. Financial unity, such as currency and powers for banking co-ordination.

Mr Bevin proposed that for the central government there should be a President and two chambers—one representing the nation as a whole and the other separate leaders.

LIMITED FUNCTIONS

The rights and duties of the President would be limited to those of the head of a constitutional state without independent executive authority.

The chamber representing the nation to be popularly elected for initiating central legislation. The chamber representing the leader would be the most powerful. It would be elected on equal representation for each leader. Its main concern would be legislation, taking mainly into consideration the interests of the leader. It would have absolute veto on constitutional matters and dispensary veto on all other legislation.

Mr Bevin would create a Supreme Court to "safeguard" the constitution.

"We intend to establish the rule of law and democratic development," he said.

BASIC FREEDOMS

He then listed all basic freedoms and said those rights should be "freely and immediately exercised by all Germans in Germany."

He proposed that a German constitutional democracy be established in definite steps, beginning with the formation of central agencies to put the Potsdam agreement into effect, especially in the economic field, and the framing and adoption of a trial constitution with the approval of the Central Council and a vote of the people. After a trial period, the constitution would be subject to amendment.

The final constitution and new elections would follow the trial period. Mr Bevin proposed that the Allied Control Council for the time being reserve to itself the direction of such matters as disarmament, reparations, security, war criminals, foreign relations, prisoners of war and displaced persons.—United Press.

Big Tax Cuts Proposed

Washington, Mar. 21.
The Republican Congressional Steering Committee today approved a 30 percent income tax cut affecting 26,000,000 Americans with net earnings of less than \$1,000 a year and a 20 percent slash on taxes on all other income groups above the \$1,000 level to \$300,000 annually.

If the House and Senate approve, the GOP would like to make the tax cuts retroactive to January, though the Taft wing wants it effective from July 1.

The Steering Committee decided to send the bill under closed rule barring amendments, and thus Congress would be called on to vote on this bill as it stands, or none.

The Ways and Means Committee received the tax bill to-day and debate may start next Wednesday with a vote on Thursday.—United Press.

New Leprosy Treatment

Moscow, Mar. 21.

An effective preparation for treating leprosy hitherto considered incurable, has been evolved by two Soviet scientists according to Tass News Agency to-day. They are Blochemist Guburov and Dermatologist Tur-suyev and have named their preparation Oxydiphtheric acid.

This acid was extracted from diphtheria microbes and produced striking results when tested on leprosy-infected mice and rats.

It has been tested for a year on patients in Professor Tur-suyev's clinic and ulcers which usually persist for months have been healed in weeks. The Scientific Council of the Soviet Public Health Ministry has approved the method of treatment and decided to increase production of the acid.—Reuter.

Crippling Crop Losses

Floods In England Still Serious

London, Mar. 22.

Crippling losses of food crops in the flooded lowlands of Britain were reported on Friday as conditions grew worse in scattered parts of the stricken areas.

Waters which trapped people in their homes in the worst floods in memory, but rising water levels were reported in the lower reaches of the River Trent in Lincolnshire, the Severn at Worcestershire and the Ouse in Yorkshire.

The town of Crowland in Lincolnshire was in danger of becoming an island as a 40-yard breach in a dyke released a torrent which engulfed thousands of acres of rich agricultural land, drowned cattle, and marooned isolated farms.

Boats were sent to the rescue of stranded farmers. Cattle were hurried away to higher ground by rail.

R. R. Benson, Secretary of the Cambridge branch of the National Farmers' Union, said: "All winter wheat, barley, and oats which have been completely submerged for seven days will be useless and will have to be replanted."

Mr Benson said large acreages and quantities of pit stored potatoes would be ruined "as well as stocks of outwashed grain."

An unestimated number of cattle and sheep have been drowned in the flooded fens, Mr Benson said.—Associated Press.

Search Given Up

Honolulu, Mar. 22.

The United States Navy abandoned the 12 correct men who abandoned the tanker Fort Dearborn when she broke in two in a storm 1,100 miles north-west of Honolulu on March 12. All the 32 other members of the crew were rescued.—Associated Press.

Russian Pressure On Turkey

Disclosures By Dean Acheson

Washington, Mar. 21.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said to-day that Turkey needed American aid to bolster its defenses against such "external pressure" as the Soviet Government's insistence upon participating in the defence of the strategic Dardanelles.

Acheson told Representative Karl Mundt that the Turkish armies have had to remain in a state of semi-mobilisation for several years. He said this has been a severe "budgetary strain" on the government. He said the Turks are not worried about "internal bands of guerrillas." Their worries stem entirely from "external pressure," he added.

Mundt asked Acheson to define this pressure, then added: "Or should I name it? The Congress and the people do not have access to classified documents and I would not reveal anything to them. But having visited Turkey a little over a year ago I know directly what that pressure is."

It was at that point that Acheson defined the Soviet demands for participation in the defence of the Dardanelles as "external pressure."

MYSTERIOUS BLACK BOOK

Acheson also promised to reveal publicly the information on Greece and Turkey contained in a mysterious, black book given to members of Congress.

Acheson also said that "other claims" have been made against Turkey by the Soviet Union and various Soviet republics. Mundt told Acheson that he thought he knew why "we are being asked to go into Turkey. The fundamental reason is that the Soviet neighbour to the north is conducting a war of nerves and is pressing for a favourable decision on the Straits and certain eastern provinces. The Turks are maintaining this huge Army because of the war of nerves. Is that a fair statement?"

Acheson said he did not want to comment on that. But he conceded that the maintenance of a big army strained Turkey's economy. Mundt said Greece was entitled to US\$105,000,000 in reparations from Italy and US\$45,000,000 from Germany under the peace treaties but Acheson said when these funds would be paid was in the "speculative realm."

The Committee chairman, Charles A. Eaton, previously said he denounced the secrecy about the State Department's "black book." The Committee, Robert B. Clippel, field, turned his copy of the black book back when he found that the State Department had placed restrictions on it.

Acheson told Eaton that the book contained certain "classified" information intended only as a background and did not constitute official State Department statements. He said this would be explained to the press when the book was available. It was learned that the State Department is preparing the book for release to the press.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Salaries Commission

APPOINTMENT of the Salaries Commission for the specific purpose of establishing new rates of pay for all Hongkong public servants is certain to bring a sense of satisfaction to those whose livelihoods are affected. And there will be no genuine protest from the general public, notwithstanding that any increases must be met out of general revenue. It is now a widely held view that better working conditions for our civil servants is a cause which warrants approval. Initial congratulations to the Government on its success in persuading Whitehall that this particular problem must be tackled by a locally-appointed commission. There was at one time a danger that the Colonial Office would despatch "experts" from England, whose inability to appreciate comparative living costs might well have ruined the purpose of their mission. Furthermore, any such Commission would have involved long and aggravating delay before effect could be given to recommendations. Instead, the Hongkong Government has been permitted to appoint its own Commission—men fully conversant with existing conditions, permitting them a broadminded approach to the subject.

On face value the terms of reference appear to be fair, although there are two paragraphs that call first enthusiasm and first calls upon the Commission to con-

sider the extent to which the cost of living allowances should be incorporated in basic salaries having regard to the fact that stable economic conditions have not yet been re-established. Clearly this could be restrictive, implying, as it does, that Government must not be committed to substantial increases in basic salaries in case living costs should fall. If this be the meaning of the clause it must be protested by repetition of a previously stated argument—that even assuming the cost of living should revert to 1941 standards, the majority of Government servants would still be basically underpaid. It is desirable that the Commission should not give too much regard to hypothetical economic conditions of the future when considering higher basic salaries. The second term of reference prompting doubt directs that recommendations of the Commission shall be related to those of the Malayan Commission. This infers that the maximum recommendations for Hongkong cannot exceed the maximum laid down for Malaya, irrespective of any differing local conditions. While this might work to the advantage of Hongkong civil servants if the Malayan maximum is higher than that proposed here, it can also be the means of unfairly influencing local recommendations to bring them into line with Malaya. Government might well clear up any doubts before the Commission tackles its job.

Asia Economic Commission

Hongkong Included In Its Activities

Luke Success, Mar. 21.
The Committee of the Economic and Social Council commenced the drawing up of terms of reference for the new Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and agreed that the Commission would comprise Australia, China, France, India, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Siam, Soviet Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

It was also decided that the Commission's work should embrace Burma, Ceylon, China, India, Indo-China, Hongkong, Malaya, Singapore, the Netherlands East Indies, the Philippines and Siam.

The decision to proceed with work represented a compromise in the debate in which: (1) the Soviet and British delegates expressed fear that the terms of reference could not be completed during the present session of the Council and the Soviet delegate warned that he might have to consult his government on some major points.

2. The United States delegate proposed that until the full economic commission for the Far East was ready to function, the Committee make interim arrangements.

3. The Indian, Chinese and Dutch spokesmen objected that such a course might give the impression that the Social Council was attaching more importance to the European problem than to Asia.

Chiang Expects U.S. Loan

For Recovery Work

Nanking, Mar. 22.
A high Kuomintang Official reported to-day that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told the party leaders that he confidently expected financial aid from the United States, and that the aid would be spent for national reconstruction and not to fight the Communists.

Last December President Truman said a united democratic China was of utmost importance to world peace.

Mr Truman also said a US\$500,000,000 credit would be granted to China when she has established a united democratic Government.

Obliquely referring to the capture on Wednesday of the Chinese Communist capital, Yenan, Generalissimo Chiang said that recent events showed that the Chinese Communists could be beaten.

The Generalissimo did not mention his war plans.

An informant said Generalissimo Chiang stressed China's foreign policy which he termed "perfectly correct" toward the Soviet Union. That was a reply to the Rightist who had charged that Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh had "a weak and impotent policy toward Russia."—Associated Press.

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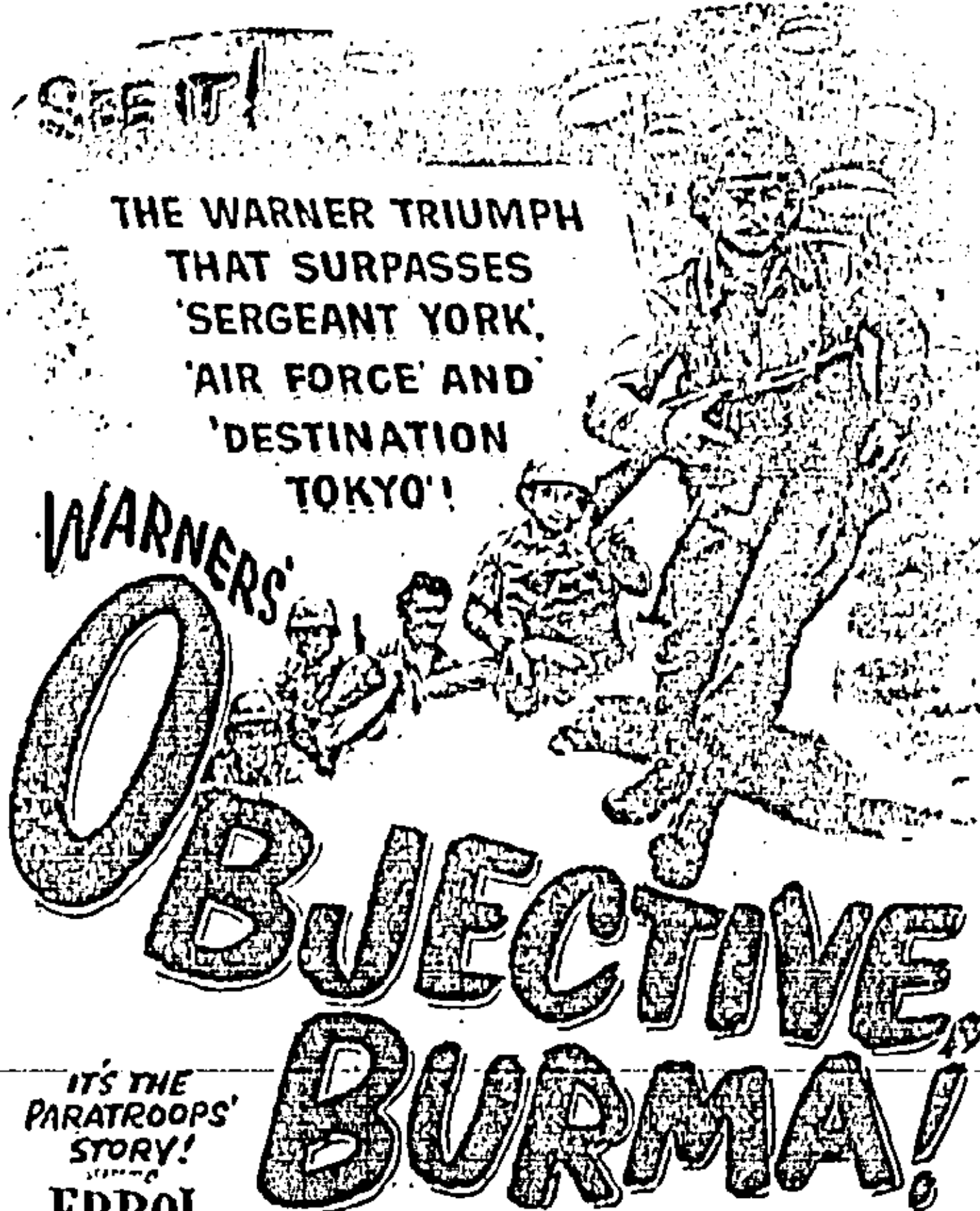
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FILM & PLAYERS

Running Round In Hollywood

BY LEROY MARCH

APPARENTLY Betty Hutton has it in mind that her expected youngster had better become President of the United States. She's having the not-yet-here little one's nursery patterned after that at Mount Vernon, George Washington's old stamping ground.

HARRY Davenport, who has been in show business for 70 years, and in pictures for more than 30, has at last settled down. He's given up renting his residence in Hollywood, and has bought himself a home. "I guess pictures are here to stay, and I'll probably be staying with them," Harry observed.

THIS most recent suit for divorce which Kathryn Grayson filed against John Shelton makes the ninth. This one will differ from the preceding eight in that it probably won't be called off at the last minute on account of reconciliation. Kathryn's now much like love with Johnny Johnson, and Shelton is terribly more than casually interested in Gail Russell.

JOSE R. Gould, who went to Mexico in 1936 to evade the reach of that man in Spain who didn't like him, Fatty Francisco Franco, and who has established himself as one of the Mexican Republic's outstanding character actors, has been lured to Hollywood for an important featured role in RKO's "Honey-moon," starring Shirley Temple.

COULD be that there might be something wrong with the screen story "Stallion Road." First, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall declined to do it. Then Eleanor Parker declined the female lead. And now Andrea King has done ditto. Apparently the only persons on the Warner lot who are in favour of the story are the Bros. Warner and Ronald Reagan, with the latter so far having signified his willingness to do the top male role.

MARTHA Vickers and Director Freddie De Cordova are very much like love indeed... Linda Darnell and Richard Dix Marley off to Chicago to adopt a baby boy... Mickey Rooney has purchased a new home in San Fernando Valley, right next door to Clark Gable's place. Mickey's Ma will live in the house he had before he went into the Army... Lana Turner has a date to go to Brazil... Some Power bought Director Henry King's plane... You'd better wager that Bob Hutton will ask June Haver to marry him, and that she'll say Yes... Barbara Stanwyck recovering from an illness of several weeks duration... Will Rogers Jr will ride his father's favourite horse, "Soupsuds," in the pictures based on the life of Will Sr... That recently Torrid Lila Leeds—Steve Crane romance already showing signs of suffering from frigidity... Jacqueline Dalya and Jackie Sany Tennick a more than casual twosome... A picture to look forward to: Bing Crosby in "A Connecticut Yankee"... Producer-Director Leo McCary trying to get Van Johnson to do the part Jimmy Stewart wanted no part of in "Adam and Eve"... Turhan Bey wasn't able to make it at the preview of his picture, "One Night in Paradise"... Reason: Bey's in the Army; and the Army had ordered him off to Guam as an entertainment director just one day before the picture was screened... By the time you read this "Sobit" will probably be minus one appendix... Ida Lupino's sister Rita and Enrique Valdez have called off their feud and have rejoined as a dance team.

FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN NURSE'S FIGHT



The real Sister Kenny (right) is photographed with film star Rosalind Russell, who plays the part of the famous Australian nurse in the picture of the same name, now showing at the Queen's. Nurse Kenny's long years of work have brought relief from suffering to many victims of infantile paralysis.

Film Star Myrna Loy On The Bobby-Soxers

By PATRICIA CLARY

United Press Staff Correspondent
Myrna Loy sticks up for the bobby-soxers. She says they're manifesting the spirit of the suffragettes, even if they don't know it.

Cinema Guide

SHOWING TO-DAY

QUEEN'S—Sister Kenny.
KING'S—Bandit of Sherwood Forest.
CENTRAL—Behind the Rising Sun.
ALHAMBRA—Uncle Harry.
NEXT CHANGE
QUEEN'S—Bolly Sisters.
KING'S—The Magic Bow.
CENTRAL—Parachute Battalion.
ALHAMBRA—The Merry Monahans.

CRIME NOT EASY TO FILM

It's not easy to enact a murder in Hollywood, but crime certainly pays—in box office terms.

Proof of the difficulty encountered in performing celluloid mayhem was evidenced during the making of "Uncle Harry." The film is coming next week to the Alhambra.

Poison plays an important part in the George Sanders-Geraldine Fitzgerald-Ella Raines film. Rehearsals started on the sequence. Miss Fitzgerald spoke the line naming the poison.

"No, no," interrupted Director Robert Siodmak. "We can't mention a real poison. We're calling it Orexodon of Iotane."

Now that particular compound is much harder to purchase than cigarettes, because Orexodon of Iotane just doesn't exist.

The fictitious deadly poison is a mere "stand in" for a censorship taboo.

NO SLAVERY

The sloppy costume, she thought, was a defiance of the ridiculous and expensive bits of nonsense the girls see in fashion magazines. And she didn't blame the girls for rebelling against fashion slavery.

"It's the 1947, streamlined version of the spirit that led women to fight for votes and equality," she believed.

"I admire these girls, and understand their rebellions, even though I cringe from some of the crudities, the casting aside of good old conventions in conduct. However, I think that happens more rarely than you'd think by reading sensational news stories."

"I don't exactly approve of their brush disrespect for the preceding generation, but, on the other hand, I think maybe we haven't any right to expect any respect. Children who see their parents breaking traffic laws, buying on the black market, and staying up all night at drinking parties can't be expected to be either respectful or law-abiding themselves."

HE KNOWS HOW TO FENCE



Cornel Wilde, seen on the right here in a scene from "The Bandit of Sherwood Forest," is an expert fencer. He was reported recently to be practising for a place in the United States fencing team for the 1948 Olympic games. He plays the part of Robert of Nottingham, son of Robin Hood, in the picture, which is now showing at the King's.

PAGANINI'S LOVE LIFE

In the public-mind the term musical has become synonymous, thanks to Hollywood, with a show presenting an orgy of girls, gags and sultry music. British studios, which in recent years have set out to offer cinema fans something different in the way of entertainment, have again scored a brilliant triumph with "The Magic Bow," which should prove to be a different kind of musical treat. It presents with disarming naivete and impeccable showmanship the love life of Nicolo Paganini, Genoese violinist, whose believed fame in the time of Napoleon.

The plot, a blend of fact and fiction, is acted with appropriate flourish by Stewart Granger, while Yehudi Menuhin, one of the finest violinists of this age, brilliantly doubles for the star during the superb musical sequences, accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra. Based on Manuel Komroff's famous novel on the life of Paganini, the film deals with his rise to fame and his love affairs with a French aristocrat played by Phyllis Calvert and an Italian miss Jean Kent.

It follows "The Bandit of Sherwood Forest" at the King's.

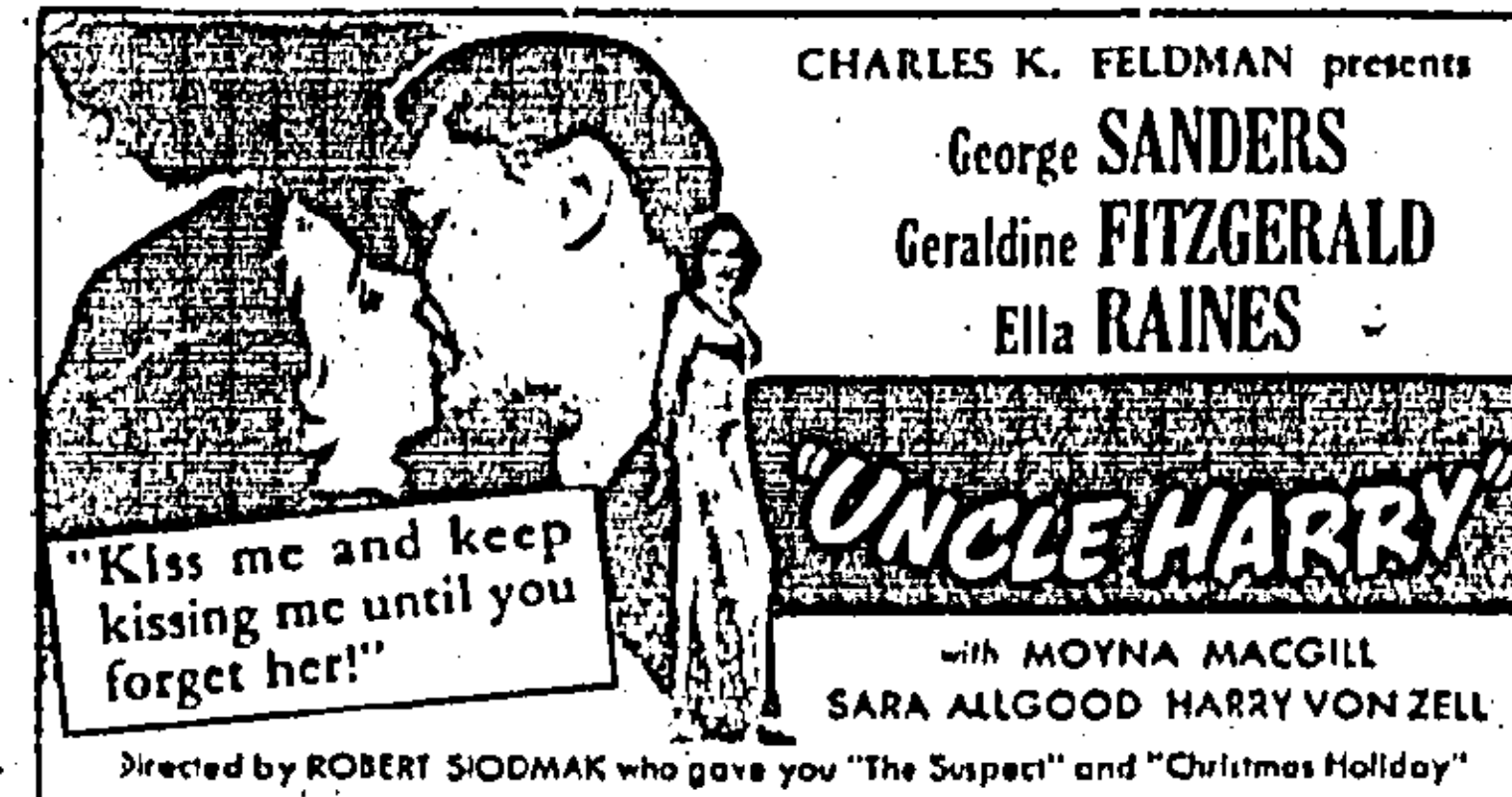
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Interlude: The Leleles		Orch:
(Teddy Russell)—Leslie		Orch:
Orchestra; Three dance tunes		Orch:
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Interlude: Demotelle Chic		Orch:
(Mazurca)		Orch:
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Sunday

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Monday

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Orchestra: When the Poppies bloom again
Orchestra: Jack Payne & His Orchestra:
Orchestra: and the Moon (Handman)—Victor
Orchestra:

Thursday

Daily Programme Summary.	
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Wednesday

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mer Stram Conducted by Walther ches-
rain; Jeux d'Eau—Benno Mosevitch, gent:
Solo; Piece on forme D'habanera, ifrom
Soph. Stratt, Chorus

Orch; Lavin' (Ansell)—Paul Robeson,
with Orchestra; Merry and Bright—Fox
rot Intermezzo (Boulanger)—George
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I Bowly (Vocal) with Orch; Heartless
Meinel)—Albert Sandler & His Orch.
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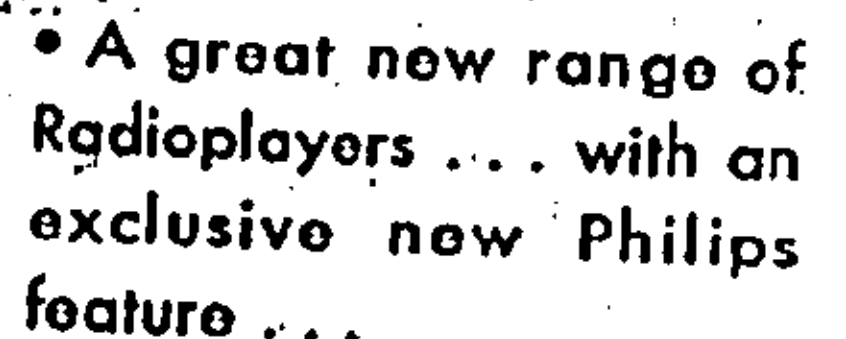
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Mamma Bon Bons—Waltz (Johann
1888)—Marek Weber and His Orches-
**PIANO DUETS: MORETON AND
KAYE.**

I cared (from "Kid Nightingale")
—Dinah Shore, with Orch.
I am met (from "Dawn Argen-
Jay"—Warren)—Tommy Dorsey
Orchestra with Frank Sinatra,
lovely to look at (from "Roberja"
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Orchestra, Interlude,
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Eni Loma; Lieutenant Plin-
-Lionelli Cecil; Sharpless
Vittoria Weinberg; Goro
-lo Palal; The Bonze-Bass-
Masini; Prince Yamadori-
-lo Gelli; with Members of
and Orchestra of La Scala

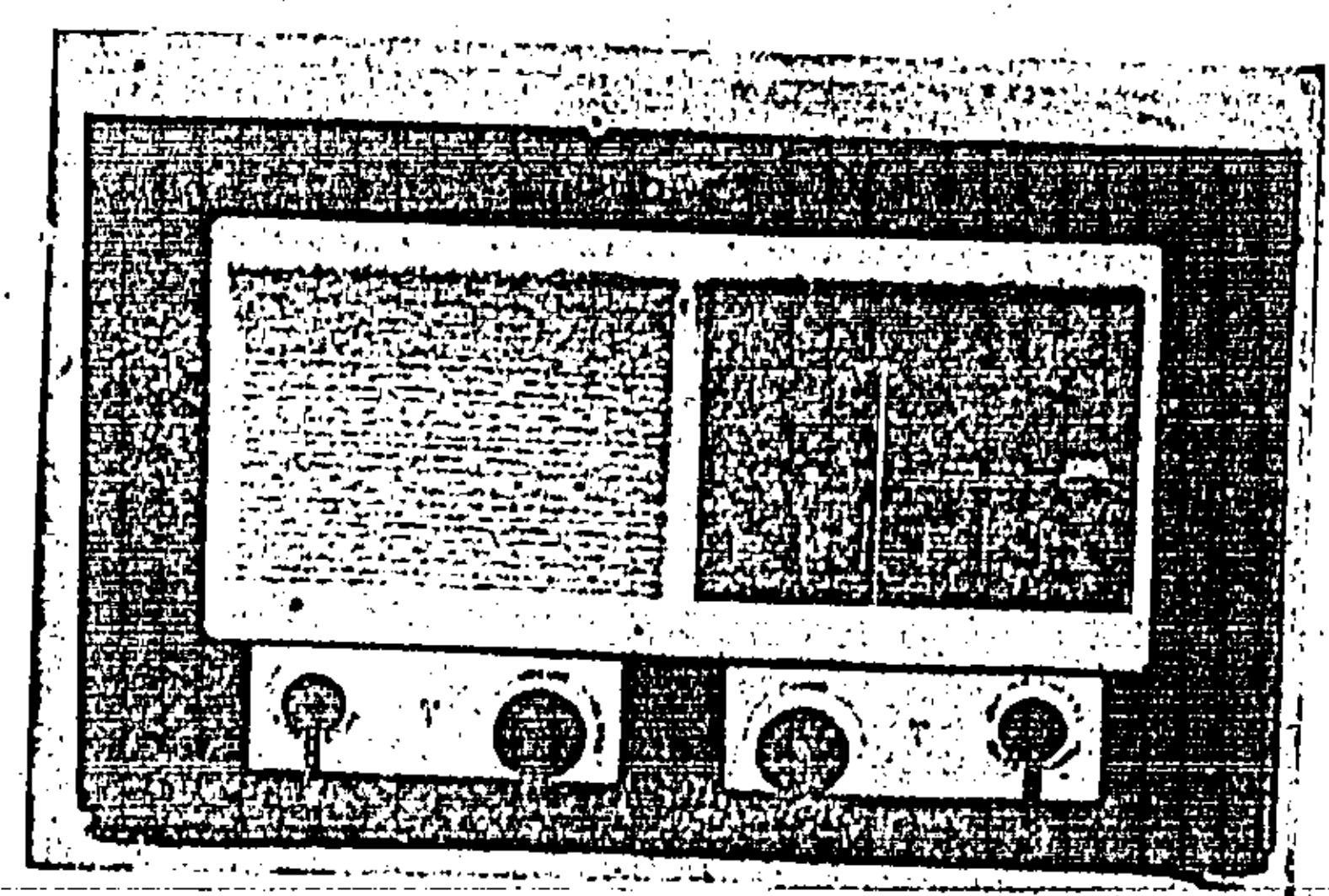


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70 YEARS MARRIED

By BERNARD WICKSTEED
(It's Fun Finding Out)

AN elderly couple named Mr and Mrs Frank Gunns, living in a bungalow at Thurton, seven miles out of Norwich, were congratulated in a telegram from the King this morning on achieving a distinction of some merit.

They have survived, endured, and most of the time enjoyed, 70 years of married life.

I've been married only seven years, and already my wife thinks it seems a lifetime. Another 63 years with me, she says, would turn her hair grey.

At her suggestion I got up at half past six in the morning, cooked my own breakfast, and caught the early train to Norwich to ask Mr and Mrs Gunns how they did it.



First of all, then here is the background of these two experts in matrimony.

Mr Gunns was 50, and his wife is 92.

13s. a week

THEY have lived in the country all their lives, most of it with out piped water or electricity, and I know of wives who have wanted a divorce for less than that.

They were married on 13s. a week, and if you think that wasn't so bad in the country 70 years ago, you should read what some of the historians have written about those times.

Two years after the Gunns were married there was the disastrous harvest of 1878, the worst for a century. Mr R. D. Blumenfeld, who remembers it wrote an article once saying: "Hunger was unappeased from one end of the country to the other, and there appeared to be no hope of release from the grip of poverty, whose stranglehold left the people listless, helpless and hopeless."

Food, ratcheted impossible prices, and to keep her husband fed Mrs Gunns had to spend the money she'd saved as a servant girl before she married. When that was gone she took in washing.

They live in their bungalow alone, in the kitchen most of the time, it is not as easy to keep it tidy as it used to be because at 80 it takes so long to get things done, but it is their home and it is their own and they wouldn't have it that way.

They paid £250 for the land and another £500 for the bungalow, and the first of their reasons for contentment is that they don't owe a penny and never have.

The old boy is deaf and his legs are playing tricks on him, and so he spends most of his time sitting in front of the fire, but when I called he got up from his chair and offered it to me.

The old lady is much more active. She wouldn't sit down the whole time I was there.

The old recipe

"AND now," I asked, getting out my notebook, "what's the first thing you need to make marriage long and happy?"

"Sir, you need to work hard," she answered promptly.

I was afraid she'd say something like that. They all do, these old

people. And the old man, hearing the answer but not the question, looked at me with a watery but discerning eye and said: "Work's no trouble if you know how to do it."

Quick to change the subject I asked: "And what next?"

"A contented heart," said Mrs Gunns.

"But's all very well," I had to say, "but how could you have a contented heart on thirteen bob a week in a famine?"

She had to admit that it was hard going. "We were young," she said, "and we had our future in front of us. It did seem wrong that there should be so many things in our way. But we did the best we could and put our trust in God. We still do."

And the old man by the fire, who hadn't heard a word, said: "I remember when we used to cut the corn with a scythe and thrash it with a flail. Wasn't any trouble if you knew how to do it."

So that is the general strategy for a happy marriage—work hard, put your trust in God, and owe no one a penny.

Now let's get on to the tactics of matrimony. How do they settle their quarrels, for instance?

"We've had our nubs," she said. "Who hasn't? And most of ours have been about money. I'd want to save it and he'd want to spend it."

"You've got to think of the future," I said, and he'd answer: "The future? I want to live now. We've got to live sometime."

There was such a familiar ring about all this that I was agog to hear how it ended. She went on: "Sometimes he'd say: 'Have it your own way. I'll wait' and that was that. But something he wouldn't and then I'd say: 'Very well, I'll keep quiet and that will beat you more than anything.'"

And apparently it always did.

No shows

THE knotty question of entertainment caused no trouble in the household of the Gunns. They've never been to a cinema or a dance or a theatre. When they were young they hadn't the time and now they haven't the urge.

Mr Gunns has never had to help with the housework. He's had so many other jobs on hand that often she's had to help him.

He used to smoke, but gave it up when shag went to 6d. an ounce. She used to brew beer for him at home, and until his legs gave out he'd often call in at the local for a pint on the way to get his pension.

I asked if they'd ever told each other a lie, and she said: "Oh, no, sir. We wouldn't do a thing like that. Though I don't say I haven't answered 'No' when I should have said 'Yes' but that was only to spare his feelings, sir."

His feelings continued to be spared because he didn't hear what she said. But either because he thought he did or just to keep up the conversation, he called out from the fireside: "Ninety-two she is and never seen the doctor in her life."

They grow all their own potatoes. He digs and, because he can't bend down she picks the potatoes up.

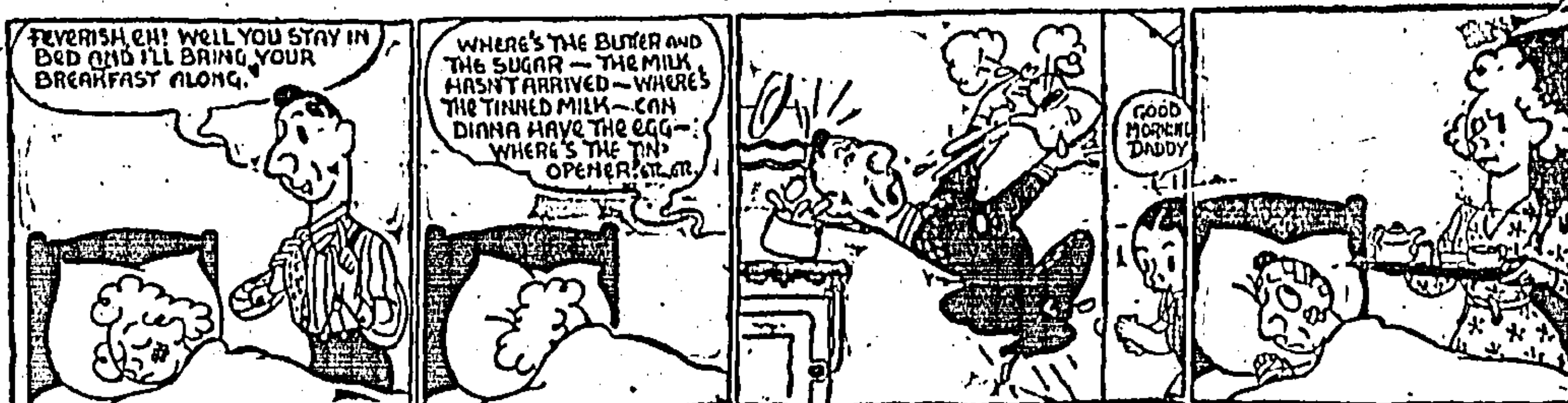
Simple

BACK in London I tried to find out how many such couples as the Gunns there are. At Buckingham Palace they told me the King sends about ten telegrams a year to people who have been married for 70 years, and more than 600 to diamond wedding.

(And in the last three years he has also sent telegrams to 316 people on their hundredth birthday—253 of them women.)

THE PARKERS

by HODGES



A burglar told me THAT THERE'S A SLUMP AROUND

by PAUL HOLT

THE way things wag. . . A friend of mine who knows a burglar rather well reports that a slump is upon us. Burglars are the first to know. For two reasons.

People are staying home more, thus making their work infinitely harder. And their fences begin to pay them less. All this has been happening to the professional burglar now for six weeks.

My friend says his burglar friend has another complaint. The Army deserters are making life intolerable for him. They pounce on his territory without a by-your-leave. They damage house property shockingly, tramping muddy feet all over the best drawing-room carpet. They leave fingerprints to make more work for the police. And they don't know what to take.

Still I was not satisfied. I got talking with the manager of a cinema I know rather well. He said that business has been pretty terrible since the week before Christmas. They always expect it to fall off then while mother buys father his annual tie ("Why mum, dear, how did you know?"). It's just exactly what I was wanting, but this year it fell off and stayed there.

My manager friend used an ominous phrase. Every time I hear it I know there is trouble ahead. He said: "The public is shopping for pictures nowadays." Generally Sam Goldwyn says it first, Darryl Zanuck and David Selznick deny it hotly and call Sam a saboteur—and then the slump is really on.

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Germans Want New Fuehrer

"Germany needs a new Fuehrer." That is what many German ex-POW from Britain have returned to Germany to preach, reports United Press quoting a Military Government survey.

In Britain they lived a soft life in comparison with their hungry, homeless relatives in Germany. But the plan to send them back as disciples of British democracy appears to have misfired. What they have seen in England appears to have convinced most of the POW that the British system would not work in Germany.

This is what some of them told Military Government interrogators:

A 28-year-old German who worked in a chemist shop before the war said: "I do not consider English democracy ideal. It is not flexible enough. Germany could only have a combination of democracy and dictatorship."

"The English are far more broad-minded than the German can ever be. With us it would be quite unthinkable to have the leader of the opposition paid by the government."

Another ex-POW said: "Just as you cannot allow children to play with expensive glassware, so you must not introduce to the Germans a form of government which they will never learn to appreciate. The German people will never get along without a leader. Democracy is impossible."

Democracy Will Not Work

A former German post office clerk said: "Under present conditions, democracy would probably not be appreciated in Germany."

An Inbaurer, aged 38 said: "Workers in democratic England are far worse off than in Germany. Agriculture in England would be finished without the German POW."

A former shopowner declared: "People in England are quite well-meaning, but they are not free to do as they would like."

This is what some of the ex-POW said about the people they met in England:

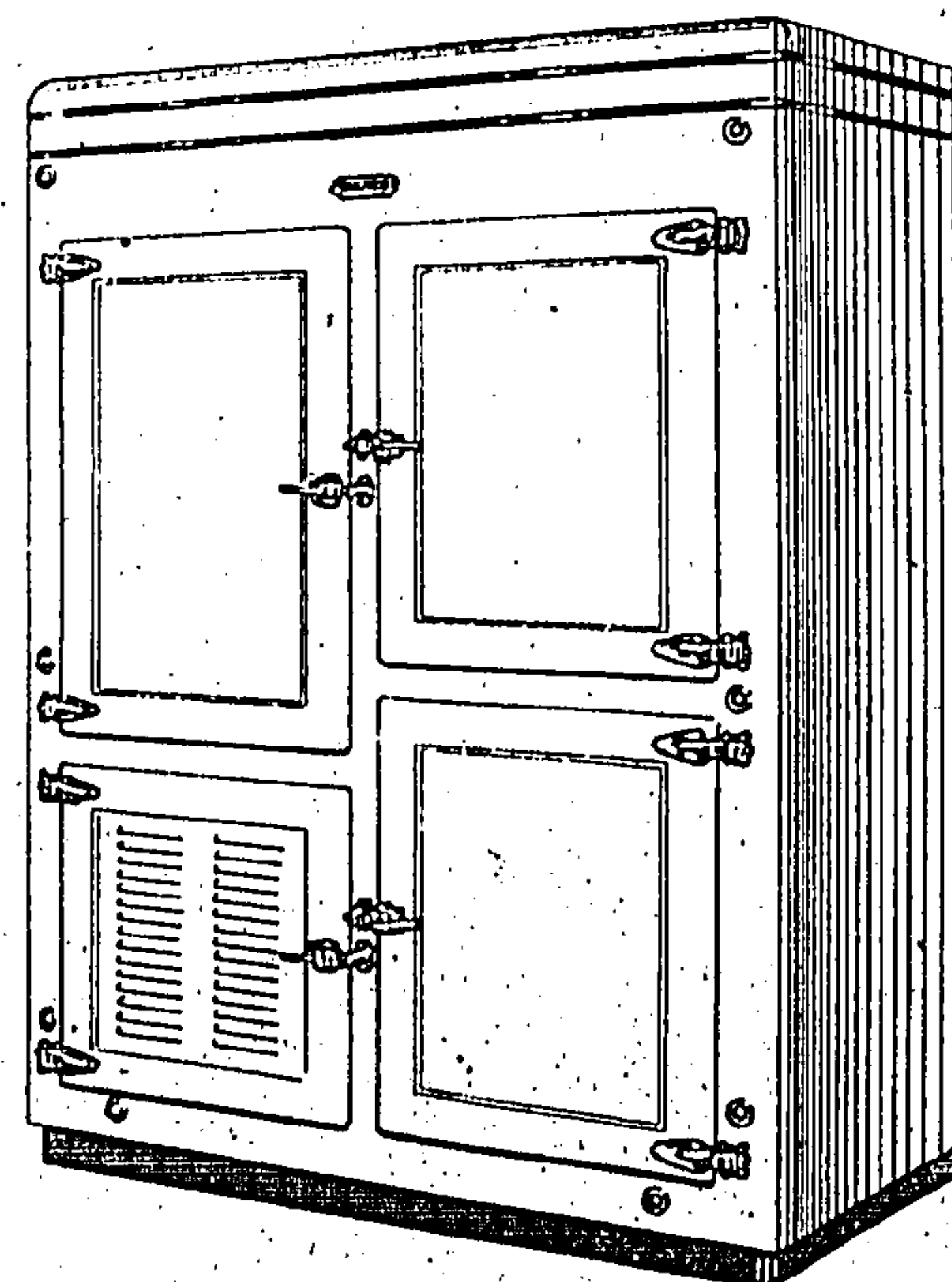
A former salesman: "You can associate with an Englishman for years and never become real friends with him. He has too little heart and too much cold brain."

An ex-mechanic: "I admire the national pride which every Briton has. They are convinced that God is an Englishman."

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By Galbraith



"For weeks it was Christmas tills, and now you're starting on your old income tax! Don't you ever think of anything but money, Dad?"

Germans Cannot Live Without Black Market

By DON DOANE

Germans say they cannot live without the black market.

Those I have talked to say they get enough to eat, wear and to keep warm. But they all say they are able to do so only by extensive dealings in the black market or access to American supplies.

I asked a young anti-Nazi German doctor about the necessity of the black market. He said: "Without it the German people could not live very long. Our rations are simply not enough. Even with the help of the black market I don't know how much longer we can keep going. This long cold wave has made things even worse."

Slow Starvation

He said it is impossible for the average German to maintain health on a ration of 1,550 calories daily. He said: "It's just slow starvation. Even without working, a person needs 2,200 calories."

He agreed that rich persons and those in the rural areas may get sufficient food, "but in the cities the small wage earners and the old people who can not forage for themselves get no more than 1,550 calories and often less. The number of people able to buy on the black market is diminishing rapidly for the simple reason that most

people have already spent their life savings for extra food and fuel. Minimum Health Standard.

In order to buy enough on the black market to make up differences between the legal ration and the minimum standard for healthful subsistence, it would cost about 500 to 550 marks weekly per person."

The average German worker earns 30 to 50 marks weekly. A mark is worth 10 cents (US) at the United States Army's artificial exchange rate, and about four cents in actual buying value.

The entire legal food ration can be purchased in legitimate markets for about four marks per week per person—if supplies are available.

More illnesses. The doctor said that often the stores cannot supply the full ration. At present it is virtually impossible to buy meat or potatoes in Frankfurt in legitimate markets.

He said the Germans' resistance is low fed by too little food. The natural result is a great increase in colds, TB, and other respiratory ailments and rheumatism. Even the smallest infection is dangerous in their weakened condition. Hospitals are overcrowded.

"We are even short of some medicines," he said. "Associated Press."

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FOR

WOMEN

Glamour a la Mode

BY QUIZ

ABOUT a century or so ago 'a shining morning face' was an ideal of beauty and to achieve a satisfactory glow the rustic belle used to grease nose and face with fresh country butter in order to dazzle her admirers.

But that shiny face would make her a wall flower to-day.

So Fashion changes . . . and so fast nowadays, that modern woman has to be a quick change artist to keep abreast of the mode.

Delving into history, Madame can go all Grecian in the morning, have the snaky slinkiness of a Mata Hari in the afternoon, blossoming out in the evening in Edwardian or Victorian exuberance, and be in the height of fashion all round the clock.

Some popular fashions have been a little too drastic. The Eton crop, for instance, had the disadvantage of typing a woman in the role of a sophisticated choirboy until her hair grew again—and it was not a particularly glamorous role either.

FILMS and stars have a tremendous influence on modes and manners. A spate of period films will be responsible for rage in off-the-shoulder frocks that are prevented from revealing too much by nothing more apparent than will power.



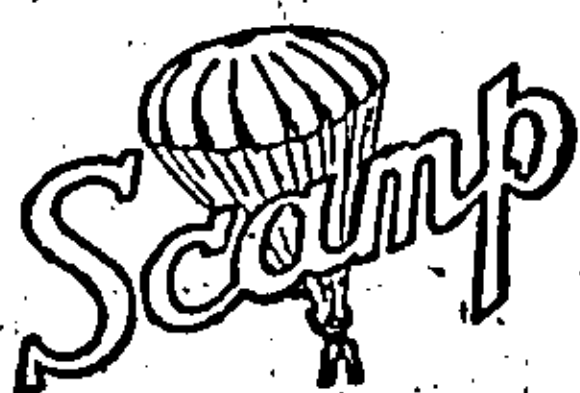
Very bare barebacks are not so fashionable now that Jean Harlow has gone, but before the war they used to get quite dangerously low.

Marlene Dietrich sacrificed glamour to the grotesque, when she started the craze in which the fashion devotee plucked out the natural eyebrows and painted a Mephistophelian substitute a good inch above where nature intended them to be—achieving a look of satanic surprise not all nice to live with!



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INTERCHANGE-ABILITY is a long word for the short cut to dress sense.

Build your wardrobe round a theme so that every item you buy dovetails with the rest of your clothes.

Actually, this is something you began doing six years ago, stretching your wardrobe by judicious selection and not by quantity buying. You had to do it then. You must do it now and in the future—as a habit.

Choosing as basis a dress and jacket from the recent first collection by Wallace, here is an all-the-year-round wardrobe which any woman can have made or buy to suit her purse; you yourself can add other items—sweaters, blouses, a top-coat—or combine the clothes sketched in different ways to suit yourself.

Colour plan

Our colours for this wardrobe are emerald green for the jacket, black and white for the frock. Try primrose, dark grey and white, scarlet, navy and white, or pale blue, brown and white.

Basic outfit (center) is the two-piece sweater and skirt dress, and odd jacket. The long-sleeved sweater is in black and white striped wool jersey worn under a matching skirt, which has unpressed pleats for front fullness. Over this, wear the heavy wool box skirt and odd emerald, practical because of its plain, tailored lines.

Here is your nucleus. Now let's start building. Top right, wear the striped sweater top over a plain black skirt. Accessory with narrow scarlet or tan leather belt, a silk square. Out of doors, slip on the jacket.



Bottom right: For easy living wear the sweater and jacket over emerald slacks—black slacks if you are bashful or broad in the beam.

Bottom left: Achieve a short cut to glamour by wearing the striped skirt over a plain black high-necked and three-quarter-sleeved sweater. Swathe a wide emerald cummerbund round your waist, pin

it in place with an old-fashioned gold hatpin, knobbed at each end. Top left: For a formal evening, dine and dance in your plain black sweater and huge white satin taffeta skirt, billowing all round to unpressed pleats. Again, you can accessorise this outfit—let pearls or gold at the neck, or a wide and glittering belt. And your emerald green jacket tops the outfit as the coming and going.

BALANCE & GRACE

By PRUNELLA STACK

(Lady David Douglas-Hamilton, director of the Women's League of Health and Beauty)

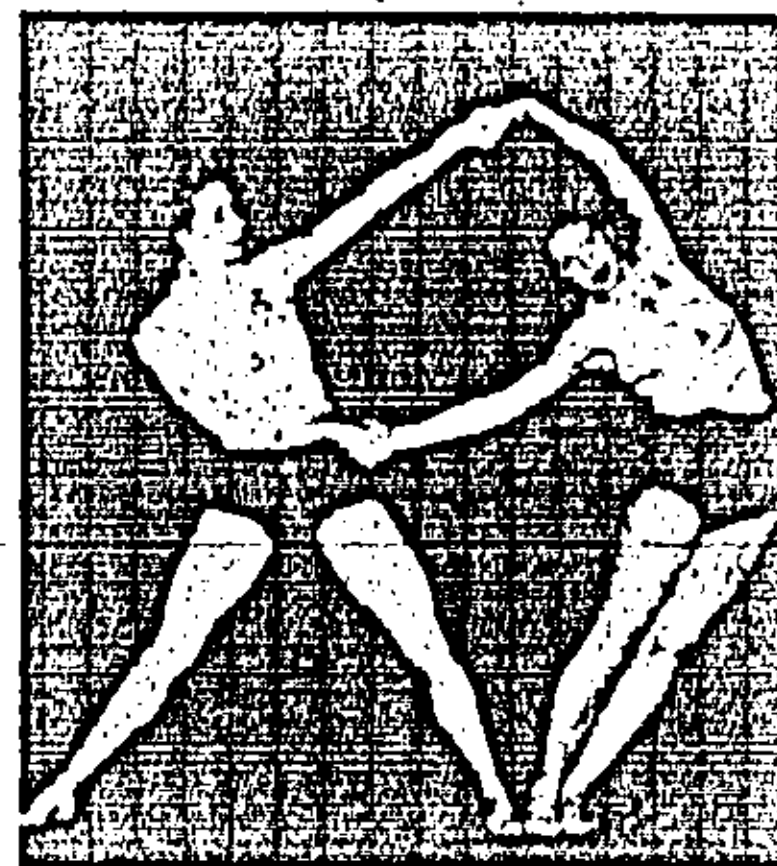
ALL enlightened systems of physical training for women are based on the knowledge that the outcome should be grace, poise, and beauty of physique, and, with these ends in view, the acquisition of a sense of co-ordination and balance is emphasised.

How can these be achieved? Undoubtedly the best way is never to lose the natural grace with which one is endowed as a child. Young children possess an unconsciousness, a power of relaxation, and a suppleness which are the cornerstones of grace. It is only later in life, when the tyranny of desks begins to round the shoulders and the strain of competition tightens the nerves, that the child's natural grace and freedom of movement become stunted and damaged.

By encouraging good posture, so that it develops as a habit, and inculcating a "health sense," the wise parent can do much to help a child retain grace as a lifelong possession.

I mentioned the fact that children are naturally unconscious. This is the secret of grace. Much physical awkwardness is due to

mental awkwardness or maladjustment. And yet the mind and the body are so closely inter-related that the problem can be tackled first from the physical side, which will then react on and improve the mental attitude.



Take the simple example of sitting down in a chair. If the body is well co-ordinated it is easy to lower yourself smoothly and gracefully, with the minimum of effort, into the chair. If, on the other hand, your movements are ungainly, you will sit down suddenly with a jerk, or else lower yourself stiffly and painfully, leaning heavily on the arm.

Test yourself next time you sit down and see which method you follow. It is by checking up on such simple every day actions that bodily grace can be improved. And once you know that you are performing these actions with the minimum of effort and the maximum of efficiency, your self-confidence,

and consequently your unconsciousness, will be further improved.

The ideal to be aimed for is that action, when it is required, should be smooth, not jerky or tense, and that the body when at rest should be relaxed. Women who constantly fidget with their hands show outward signs of inward tension, and the antithesis of repose. Try to relax completely between movements, and you will build up a fund of energy and also develop an important foundation of grace.

Balance is another necessary ingredient of grace, and there are several simple exercises for improving balance which, if practised every day, will also help to develop co-ordination of the body and grace. Here are some:

1. **HEEL-RAISING.** Standing with toes and heels together and feet straight, raise the heels off the floor, pressing them closely together. Lower again. Eight times. Hold on to a support at first if necessary. When you can do this quite easily, without a support, with both feet, try it on one foot alone, holding the other foot off the floor.

2. **TAILOR.** Holding with one hand on to a support, raise both heels; then bend the knees, keeping them together, until they are fully bent and you are sitting on your heels. Keep the body straight throughout. Gradually straighten the knees again, returning to the starting position. Do this first with a support and later without.

3. **SIDE STRETCH.** Try with a partner the exercise pictured, starting from an upright position, then leaning away from your partner to the fullest extent possible; and finally returning to the upright position. This is an excellent test for balance and grace.

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BY GRACE BARNES

IT seems to many mothers that children reserve their worst manners for social occasions. You know how sweet your child can be.

Yet somehow you've only got to take him out and he behaves as if you'd never given him any training in good manners at all.

Often, of course, he behaves in that way because he knows your eye is on him.

He feels insecure and—just as happens to grown-ups on occasion—everything seems to go wrong.

He repeats a remark he overheard Daddy make about Aunt Mary. It made everyone laugh when Daddy said it, but somehow it doesn't go at all well now.

He shows off, he gets aggressive—and finally, perhaps, he gives up and bursts into tears.

The more you try to teach your child "party" manners, the more likely it is that this sort of situation will occur.

The fact that he is expected to behave differently—without really understanding why—will make him self-conscious.

And children dislike insincerity. They are quick to spot it even under the disguise of social courtesy.

Good manners should be taught as part of a child's routine, as much for home as for outside.

Regular washing of hands and face, neatness at table, "please" and "thank-you" courtesies—small children pick these habits up very easily.

But they must be habits, and not just for special occasions.

REMEMBER, also, that you should start this training really early. A lot of mothers imagine that two or three-year-olds are too young to learn, or that they will grow out of uncouth ways and rudeness.

But, in fact, as soon as a child learns to talk, to take his place in the family circle, he can—and should—be taught the importance of consideration for others.

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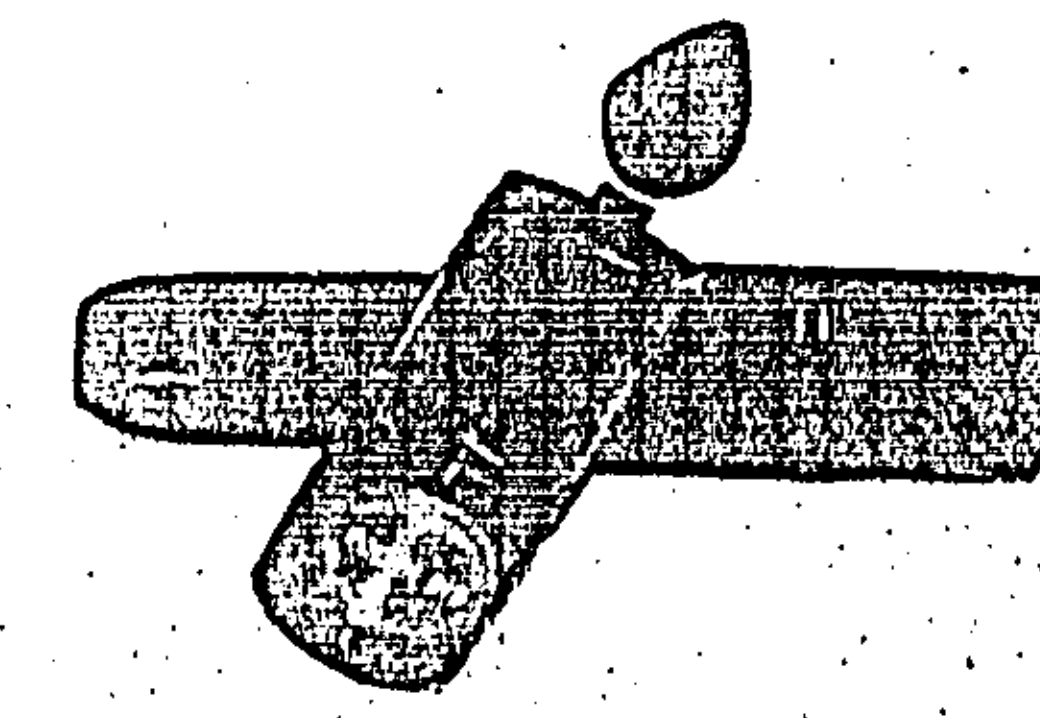
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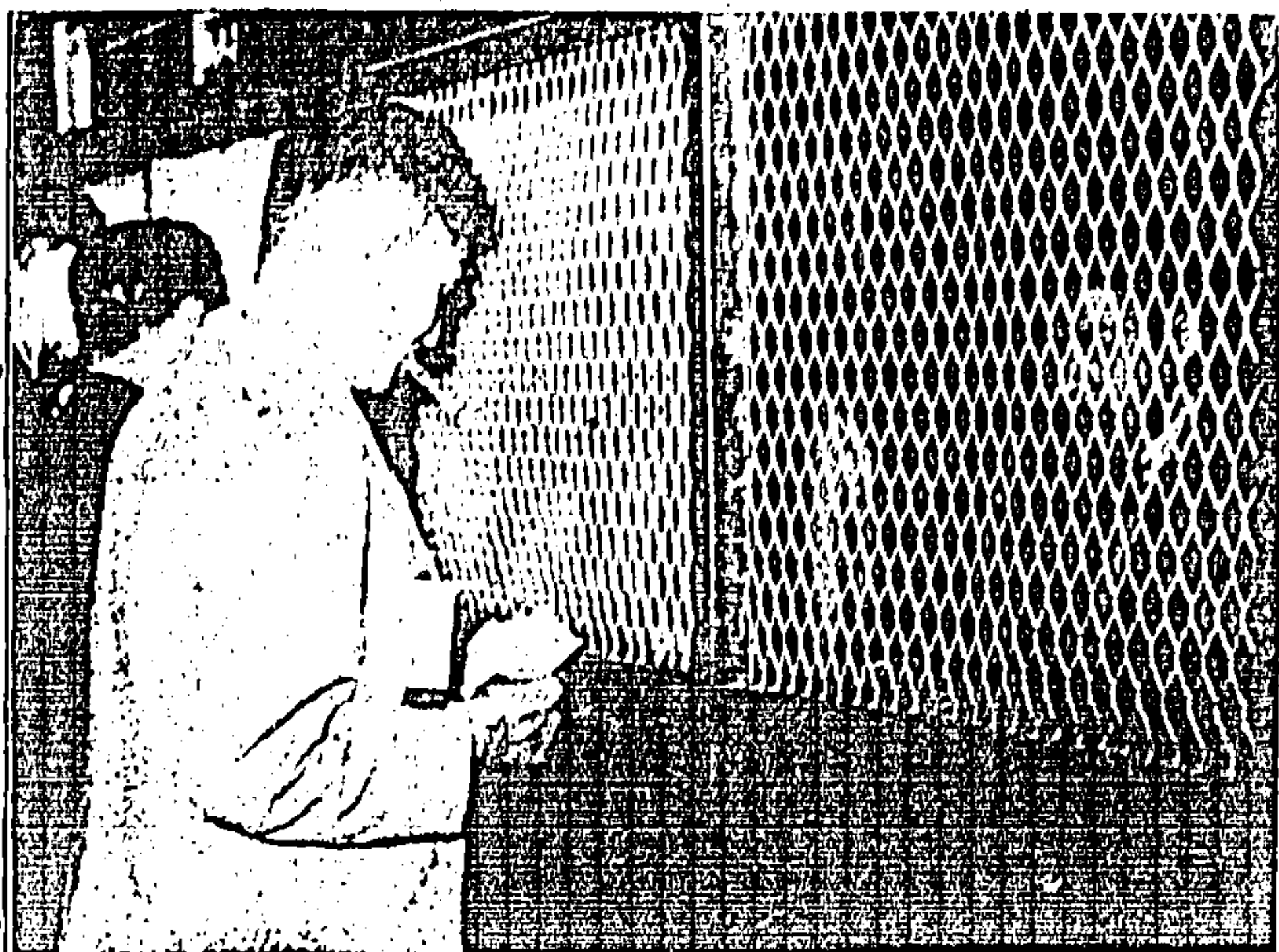
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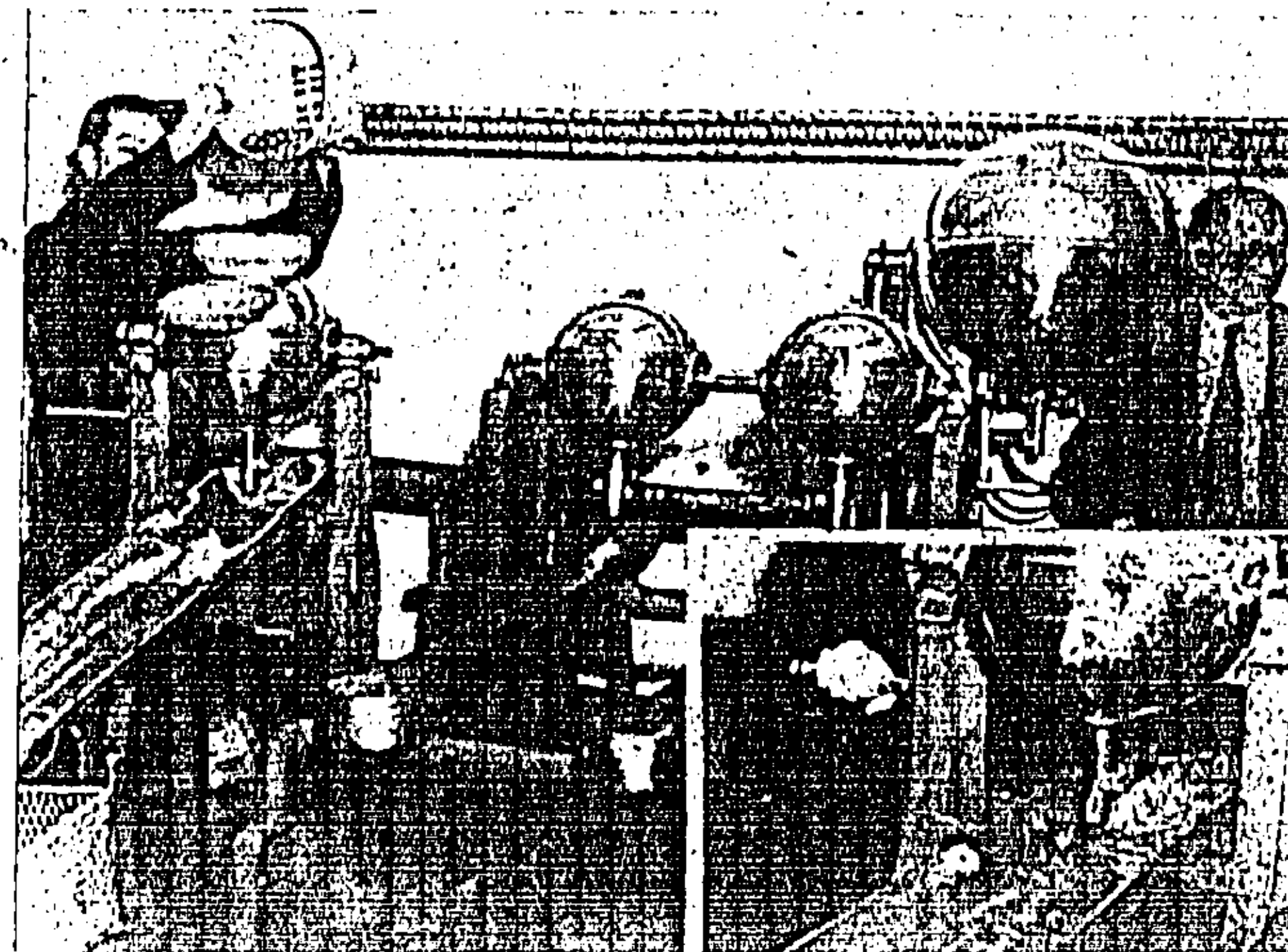
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2. The sale of tickets is stopped 10 minutes before each race is due to start. Jockey Club officials then check the numbers of tickets sold, and settle down to some fast arithmetic to work out the values of prizes. This is a part of the organisational work that the public does not usually see. Mr B. J. Bailhache, who is in charge of cash sweeps, is here seen with an assistant working out the prizes.



3. This is the most important—and exciting—stage of the proceedings. The tiny marbles which the man is putting into the drum at the left bear the numbers of the ponies starting in the race. When one number is drawn, two other marbles, each bearing two digits, are drawn from the smaller drums in centre foreground to represent the lucky ticket number. Inset shows a marble being drawn.



4. The drawing takes place on race days in the Public Stand betting enclosure, in full view of the public. As each number is drawn, it is held up for all to see, and the official in charge also makes it known audibly. Each drawing is usually witnessed by a small crowd. When big sweeps are drawn, however, interest is intense and there may be a huge press of people.

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6		24	
7		25	
8		26	

5. As each number is drawn, it is marked by another official on a blackboard against the number of the corresponding pony. The lists are typed and posted at convenient notice boards in the stands. Have you won? If you have, you may either receive your prize money on the spot or collect your cheque at the Jockey Club offices in town at your leisure. Well, good luck!

Clerk, taipan, banker, foki, hawker, tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor and, of course, amah—they and the many thousands like them are responsible for the popularity of the Hongkong Jockey Club sweepstakes. Their individual little "plunges," at two dollars per, amount in the aggregate to millions of dollars annually. Not a little of the success of the cash sweeps is due to the organisational efficiency of the Jockey Club officials. There is a lot of work involved in the operation of the sweeps, as you can imagine, but everything moves like clockwork.

Government derives considerable revenue from this source. From the gross receipts on each sweep, it takes 25 percent in betting tax. The money remaining after the Jockey Club's authorised commission has been deducted, is then applied to prizes: 70 percent for first prize, 20 percent for second prize and 10 percent for third prize, after standard prizes equal to the number of unplaced starters have been allowed for.

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BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP (in Chicago) REPORTS—

① The Americans have made a deep study of how to waste time efficiently.

② Their privately-owned telephone system is one of the wonders of the Universe.

③ When it comes to the world's worst cooks, they've got the Empire beaten.

They think Britain is fading out

IT is a somewhat shattering experience to arrive in Chicago at seven o'clock in the morning after travelling all night in a communal Pullman sleeping coach, with a strange woman in the upper berth, and a hermetically sealed train maintaining an average temperature of 98 degs. and an average speed of 60 miles per hour.

I hasten to add that the strange lady and I did not travel in our enforced intimacy without proper chaperonage. Some 20 others shared the dormitory democracy of what is regarded as first-class travel in the U.S.A.

All mechanised

ON the advice of a taxicab driver I went to the Palmer House, a vast hotel where everything is so mechanised an alert that a stranger from England feels like a bowler hat blown on to the field in a Cup Final. In the great lounge there is mechanised music, even at 8 p.m., which is constantly interrupted by loud-speaker informing us that Mr Bert Goldberg is wanted on the telephone. All symphonies, not merely Schubert's, are unfinished in this hotel.

The barber shops are hard at work shaving, manicuring and, above all, cleaning the shoes of Chicago's manhood. The strange and likeable people of the U.S.A. have made a deep study of how to waste time efficiently.

Armed with the Chicago Tribune, I advanced upon the dining room, a magnificent affair, and hardly sat down when a dainty little negress approached and said: "A Deml Tasse?"

I told her that I had rather thought of opening the programme with iced orange juice, but she said: "Have a Deml Tasse, then orange juice and coffee at the end." So she poured me the famous American Deml Tasse, being a tiny cup of coffee. Then a pleasant negro waiter took over and brought iced orange juice, grapefruit, cornflakes and rich

cream, bacon and eggs, rolls, toast, marmalade and coffee with cream.

Mr. Bert Goldberg is wanted on the telephone again. They had to interrupt Dvorak's "Sings My Mother Taught Me" to get Bert this time.

Britain-hater

THE Chicago Tribune is at once a great newspaper and the most bitter hater of Britain in all the U.S.A. I have been reading it for an hour, admiring it as a journalist, deploring and resenting it as a Briton. I suggest that you look at it with me and try to imagine the effect of its impact upon Chicago.

On its front page there is a story entitled, "Here is why London isn't like Chicago," signed by its London correspondent, Mr. Kermit Holt. It is written in jingalee after the fashion of Pickwick Papers, and consists of staccato, disjointed observations on London, such as: "Newspaper movie critics who pan almost all American films but drool praise for the most mediocre British product."

"Small boys dressed like 'sissies'."

Telephone service that takes five minutes on the average, often longer to complete a connection.

People with an inferiority complex who start a conversation with a foreigner something like this: "Well, what do you think of this bloody country?"

"Cigarettes that cost 50 cents a pack and women who smoke them dangling from the lips in a Hollywood gun moll style."

The world's worst cooks who blame their tasteless concoctions on "rationing, you know."

He forgot these

SO much for Mr. Kermit Holt. Another pen might have found some slight nobility in our cathedrals, our Houses of Parliament, perhaps even in our bomb scars, to make London worthy to rank with Chicago, but we would be wise to ask ourselves if there is not point to some of his comments.

It is certainly true that American women seldom smoke in the streets, or in public conveyances; and, as we all know, the American privately owned telephone service is the first of the seven wonders of the Universe. But when it comes to the world's worst cooks, I will guarantee to pick a team from the U.S.A. that will beat the worst team chosen from the entire British Empire. What the Americans do in extracting all flavour from food is a major accomplishment, if not a miracle.

But is it true that Englishmen disparage their own country to foreigners? I wonder if Mr. Holt may not have mistaken abuse of the Government for abuse of the country.

'Money or—'

NOW let us look at the leader page. Here is a cartoon entitled "Hold-up." A man in a British waistcoat and a morning coat is pointing a huge pistol (marked "Communism") to his own head while he holds out his hat (marked "More Loans") to Uncle Sam, who has his hands in his pockets. The dead-beat in the morning coat is saying: "Your money—or my life."

In order that the Tribune's readers should get the point, the beggar's morning coat is marked "Broke Nations," but it is perfectly clear, which nation the coat fits. But the most interesting thing in the newspaper was its soberly written leader entitled "No Turning Back."

This dealt in unprejudiced words with the decision of His Majesty's Government to introduce a Bill to plan all new real estate developments without fair compensation.

From this the Tribune argues that the socialisation of Britain is proceeding at such a reckless pace that even if the Government are defeated at the next election the Conservatives would be forced to become a Socialist Government, since the eggs cannot be unscrambled.

They are kind

IT is a strange and not altogether happy experience to be a roving Briton in America just now. The kindness of the people is overwhelming, their warmth and friendliness have no limits. But they are (Continued on Page 10)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

XIRIGOU! What will they say next? Here is a French doctor claiming that the sound of the violin is good for the liver.

But the best thing for the liver is a good laugh, and the violin is no laughing matter, unless the doctor was thinking of the music-hall performer in a tall coat, a kilt, a torn collar and a broken celluloid shirt-front hanging outside his crooked waistcoat. If I suffered from liver I should engage a big girl to play the trombone at me. None of your dainty misses. No dalliance or boudoir stuff. "Germaine, if the Baron calls, serve the Poppleton's British Port Wine. Tell him I am out hunting and will be back shortly. He knows I am a keen follower of hounds." "And what hounds ma'am! There's the captain, Mr. Jimmie Buckram, Count Ventelope, Commodore Knivette, Mr. Eddie Giff—" "Enough, Germaine, I hear the Baron's footfall. You may go."

Hail, 'cello, well met

A RICH rasta, to whom somebody pointed out Kreisler at a party, shouldered his way up to the great man, and said loudly: "I've just ordered your newest model. A fine car." And an equally rich mercantile, when his wife bought a violin for their daughter, cried: "Surely, Mabel, we can afford something bigger than that! Get her a 'cello." And from this it is but a step to the man who found his Louis XV. bed too short for him, and told his secretary to get the next size. Louis XVI, on approval. We seem to have wandered a long way from wherever we were, as the actress said to the stockbroker, who led her into the middle of the maze at Hampton Court and told her that his wife didn't understand him.

Song

The man with spots before his eyes
Needs music's healing balm.
The fiddle's squeaking ceases
For him are full of charm.
Hark to the scraping of the bow!
How luscious and how mellow!
Who'd think that half an hour ago
That fellow
Had tick balloons before his eyes
And a face grotesquely yellow.

Not that you care

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SILENT KILLERS OF THE BORNEO JUNGLE

by TOM HARRISON

Tom Harrison, soldier and explorer, was parachuted with seven others into Borneo in March 1945 to raise a guerilla army and harass the Japanese who had occupied the island. Operating from Boreo, they swiftly collected hundreds of men whose chief weapon was the deadly blow-pipe.

BY May 1945, from our headquarters up in the rich Shingri-La tableland of interior Borneo, our tentacles reached far out in every direction, softly creeping around the unsuspecting Japanese on the coasts.

We had several hundred organised blow-pipers, and a whole nation ready to co-operate when required. Yet the Japs remained peacefully unaware of it.

When at last arms began to come in by plane, three or four times a week, the full tribes became almost overwhelmed with 303 rifles, Brens, Owens and Austens, carbines, two-inch mortars, pistols and silent-killer blow-pipes, grenades and phosphorus bombs.

Natives quick to learn

OUR guerilla troops, naturally, had no knowledge of such trigger-fingers. Apart from a few shotguns owned by the rich upper classes the machines of Western civilisation have passed by Central Borneo and left no trace.

But the speed with which these people acquainted themselves with modern weapons was extraordinary.

In half an hour an illiterate Kelabit, knowing nothing of mechanics, could learn how to strip and assemble a Bren gun. It took me a fortnight to learn how when I was a private!

To master little things like sub-machine-guns and pistols was for them often a matter of minutes.

And the trouble they took to keep their weapons clean! The danger always was that a man would clean and polish his rifle to pieces.

Before D-Day in June we staged several special raids to collect Jap auxiliaries for intelligence, but we avoided any regular Jap post, or anything that would make the Japs suspicious of what was going on.

One raid gave great pleasure to our own forces and caused terrible frustration among the Japs. For we captured a party of top-line dancing-girls going to a Japanese banquet for a very important visiting officer.

After D-Day we had a "Yellow Slave" group which specialised in snatching Japanese women. They made good jungle charwomen.

Although our native troops proved to be brilliant at mastering the handling of our arms, they were morose when we started them shooting.

At 100 yards a man-sized target was never hit by anyone—or anything. Even at 30 yards the keenest soldier seldom managed to register a hit. This was an unexpected turn of events. How could we send such men into any organised action?

But they refused to go back to their blow-pipes. The blow-pipe was by now infra dig, a weapon for second-line troops and the Pioneer Corps!

So I took a chance and one anxious day sent the first team to do an experimental ambush.

These strange sensible people did not let us down. First time they opened fire they shot true and dead—100 per cent success.

As they apologetically explained—once they saw a real live man down the sights there was no question of missing their mark.

But with a cardboard dummy there just wasn't any incentive.

The irregular troops became extremely effective with 303 rifles, but never with sub-machine guns, because they were so fascinated by the thrill of squeezing the trigger that they fired off the whole magazine in one burst.

Their superb skill in jungle movement, shadowing, stalking, playing silent tip-and-run, gave them every advantage.

They could travel for days in the jungle, barefoot, in a loincloth, carrying a few pounds of rice, or living on wild sago, jungle fruit, game.

Once in an attack on a Jap post, an elderly native soldier was slightly wounded and lost touch with the main force. After a week he was given up as lost.

Ridiculous Jap Mistakes

THE inland people celebrate death, in fact everything, with marathon drinking parties. They consume oceans of rice wine.

On this occasion the old chap arrived home and found, to his indignation, all his in-laws gloriously drunk, feasting on the last of his pigs and fowls.

During the whole eight days he had had no proper food, and had to cut his way right across the great jungle ranges.

Yet three days later, having drowned his troubles in pork and wine, he was back on service.

The ambush, the slit-throat, or jungle-shadow sniping unnerved the Japs most.

It often led them to make ridiculous mistakes, largely because they did not realise that the natives were well organised, armed, and led.

Long after D-Day they were still thinking that any regular attack from the rear was something purely local, from fellows who had happened to get some weapons.

As we armed more and more natives, over a larger and larger area, leadership became correspondingly more important.

Each group of guerillas became personally attached to a particular officer or N.C.O. of our irregular parachute forces. Strange brigadiers meant nothing in their lives.

Any sensible white man can control such tribes provided he does not shout at them or throw his weight about and is honest and straightforward.

The idea that a white man among native peoples must always show his superiority is out of date and absurd.

Some of the chaps that were parachuted into my command started off with this arrogant point of view. They very soon changed it.

I have spent a lot of my life among native peoples in Borneo and other parts of the world.

As a result I'm sure the best way to get on anywhere is to behave as the natives do.

Respect their manners and observe their customs. If you do sensibly you automatically have prestige and control, because they regard the white man as richer, stronger and more clever than themselves.

You actually gain respect if at the same time you can fraternise—learn to dance their dances, sing their songs, drink their chiefs under the bamboo table.

The basic law of Borneo society is this: The best man is the last one to pass out!

'Aussies' are fine soldiers

I HAD never had much to do with Australians before. Like any good Tommy—as the Aussies call us—I had been brought up to think that the Tommy was the finest soldier in the world.

There are no finer soldiers than the Australians. Their greatest quality is initiative. More difficult to discipline than the Tommy, this makes them all the better for leading others.

When things got really hectic, I used to have Australians dropped to me by parachute.

Some, like Corporal Strelney, had never dropped by parachute before, and volunteered for the job without training.

After only an hour's briefing I would send each one of them off, with a bunch of native troops, to hold a remote pass, or to contain a Jap post 100 miles away over the mountains.

They hardly ever failed to make a job of it.

On my side, I always knew that I had done a decent job by a Digger if he ended up by calling me "Sir." Bosses aren't officially recognised in Australia. Any Aussie officer can take it as a compliment if he is called "Sir." For an Englishman, it is a positive bouquet.

The only serious defect of the Australian soldier is his tin-obsession. Ever in the midst of plenty he would rather have tinned pork and beans than fresh.

The calmest soldier I know, ultra-tough Paratroop Sergeant Nibbs, once, and only once, to my knowledge, got into a panic when we were in a difficult spot with some Japs.

After we had sorted out the frantic whirlwind of his neurosis, it turned out he had lost his tin-opener!

One day in June 1945, the Australians landed at Brunel, Weston, and Beaufort on the west coast, and at Labuan Island, just off the west coast.

Simultaneously, our guerilla forces struck from the rear. We took the Japs completely by surprise. Aussie Lieutenant Pinkerton bagged at his breakfast a notorious Japanese officer who had tortured many of his troops' own tribesmen.

Our success was almost embarrassing. Especially to the Australian Regular Forces.

For example, Lawas was a key point in the centre of Brunel Bay. In due course a large Australian Regular Force, accompanied by two gunboats, came up river to take Lawas.

They found a wild, unshaven corporal of mine, surrounded by even wilder and nearly naked hill guerillas, living in state off the rice of the Japanese occupation in the Residency.

Australian patrols cautiously advancing from the coast would meet up with one of our chaps leading an irregular force, who might well be singing and perhaps carrying a couple of fresh Jap heads.

Mythical Figures They Were

SOME of my fellows, like W. O. MacPherson, became almost mythical figures in Australian Army eyes.

But the brass-hats found it rather humiliating when an N.C.O., taking his communité by wireless from an unseen Englishman 100 miles away in the unknown hinterland, was found gently asleep in solitary occupation of the target area, for which Divisional H. Q. had detailed an infantry company with several support groups.

We always felt sorry for Regular Infantry patrols, slogging with hobnail boots and full equipment along the sweltering jungle trails, through the interminable river crossings and mud walls.

I made it a rule that no white of any rank was ever to carry his own equipment, except a minimum emergency kit. He could wear what he liked.

Inside the area of my own personal command we recorded as certain some 1,200 Japs killed. I later was told by a staff officer of Jap headquarters that we cut off another 500, who were never heard of again.

In addition we captured more than 400 Japs alive.

Major Toby Carter and Major Bill Sochon, later supported by Major R. K. Wilson—a Harley-street surgeon who gave up his practice in favour of parachute adventure—started later and therefore controlled smaller areas with fewer Japs coming into them.

But between us, on the mainland of Borneo, we killed many more Japs than the fully organised Regular Army.

Where the Australians had hundreds of casualties ours were insignificant.

I had no white casualty apart from private Gibbs being seriously ill from a painful dart-attack. But I lost 14 native troops, of whom two blew themselves up with hand grenades.

Next Week
LAST FIGHT FOR
SHANGRI-LA

Time To Tighten Up Road Rules — by — "CANDIDUS"

THE ever-increasing toll of deaths and injuries in the Colony resulting from road accidents—reckless driving is probably the more appropriate term—is nothing short of appalling. In ratio to the number of vehicles on the streets, I would hazard the guess that it is the highest in the world. There are but a few thousand vehicles running, and yet we know that within the short space of a year there have been approximately one hundred killed and many hundreds injured. Another disquieting aspect is that proceedings against drivers seem to be few and far between, and inquests are the exception rather than the rule.

If the menace to life is ever to be checked, the fullest publicity must be given. Dealing departmentally either with those involved in accidents or guilty of breaches of traffic regulations can never be calculated to have the same effect as publicity.

THERE is no doubt whatever that the present deplorable state of affairs is largely due to Service vehicles. As I remarked some time ago, they appear to be a law unto themselves, and this is not as it should be. It would be interesting to know the number of accidents in which Service vehicles have been involved. Unless we get right down to pertinent facts, the grim harvest of death and injury will continue unabated.

The new Ordinance, cited as the "Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance 1947" promises to stiffen penalties for various offences, and the sooner its provisions are carried into effect publicly, the better.

It is surprising, however, that it does not include a clause compelling third-party insurance to be taken out by all owners or transport companies. The amount stipulated in the Ordinance—three hundred dollars—which may be awarded to a person suffering injury (death is not mentioned) is totally inadequate. In any case, it has apparently been overlooked that many drivers would not be able to furnish even such a modest sum as that, and the fact that in default of the payment of such sum the person would be called upon to serve a term of imprisonment would be but poor consolation to the woman whose breadwinner had been just another innocent victim.

WHY should life be valued so cheaply in Hongkong when compared with other parts of the world? It is a reflection against British justice that such should be the case. It is this fact which undoubtedly causes some drivers to ignore their responsibilities.

A lightning-up all round is urgently required, and precious life given the evaluation it rightly warrants. I do not know anything about taxi or bus companies, but should I become a victim, would my wife and children be protected in Hongkong as they would be in enlightened countries? I can only hope so.

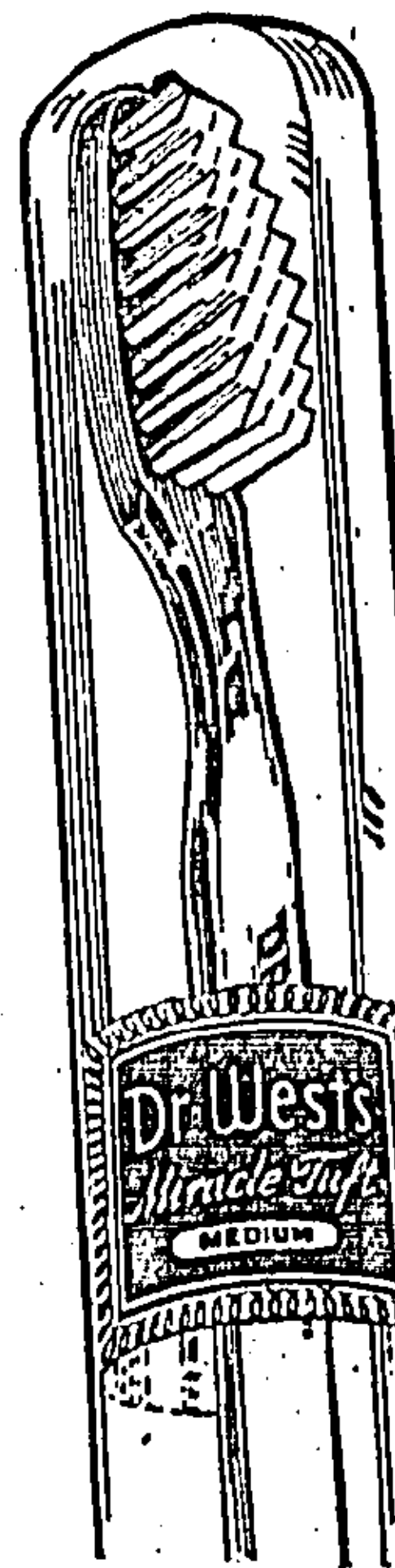
IN conclusion, I must refer to the fact that our traffic police do not assist pedestrians. At any of the busy intersections in the city, have you ever seen a policeman on point duty holding up traffic for a few moments in order to allow pedestrians to cross in safety?

Hongkong has reached the stage when an expert from the Traffic Branch of any of Britain's big cities is required, so that modern co-ordination between the traffic and the pedestrian public may be properly developed.

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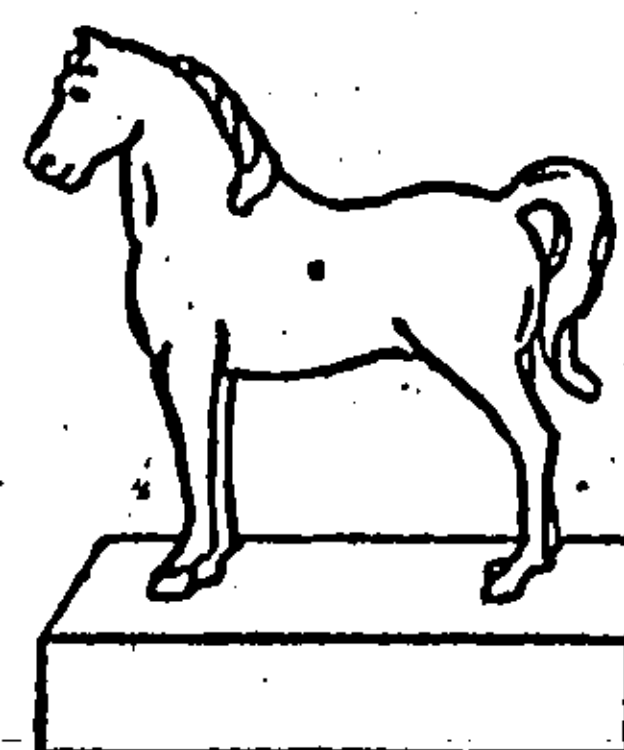
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WINDOW ON THE WORLD

FLOATING WEATHER BASE

Oslo—Norway is to maintain a floating weather station in the Arctic Sea between Trondheim and Jan Mayen Island. Two corvettes, each with a crew of 60, will serve in turn for this purpose. Oceanographical as well as meteorological observations will be undertaken. It is also hoped to be able to supply valuable information in connection with the movement of fish.

THE PLUMBER'S IDEA
New York—A little New York plumber, whose name is denied to history, has won a running battle over bureaucracy. He wrote to a Washington bureau reporting he had found hydrochloric acid good for cleaning clogged drains. The bureau replied: "The efficacy of hydrochloric acid is indisputable, but the corrosive residue is incompatible with metallic permanence."

"Glad you agree with me," answered the plumber. Another letter came from Washington reading: "We cannot assume responsibility for the production of toxic and noxious residue with the use of hydrochloric acid." Again the plumber expressed his delight that they approved his idea. Then he got this letter: "Don't use hydrochloric acid. It eats hell out of the pipes!"

RAINMAKERS

Sydney—Australian scientists recently dropped between 200 and 300 pounds of granulated ice into a massive cumulus of clouds and produced rain. Dr E. J. Bowen, Sydney University radio physics expert, who conducted the experiments within 200 miles of Sydney, used a Liberator plane to make eight experiments on four flights. He dropped dry ice into the clouds from 23,000 feet and a quarter of an hour later saw rain fall from the cloud. Bowen said that a few hundred pounds of dry ice costing £10 could produce from 10 to 100 tons of rain if dropped on suitable clouds. Because they did not know whether the process was economic, they are uncertain as to the possibility of applying the experiments to relieve drought areas.



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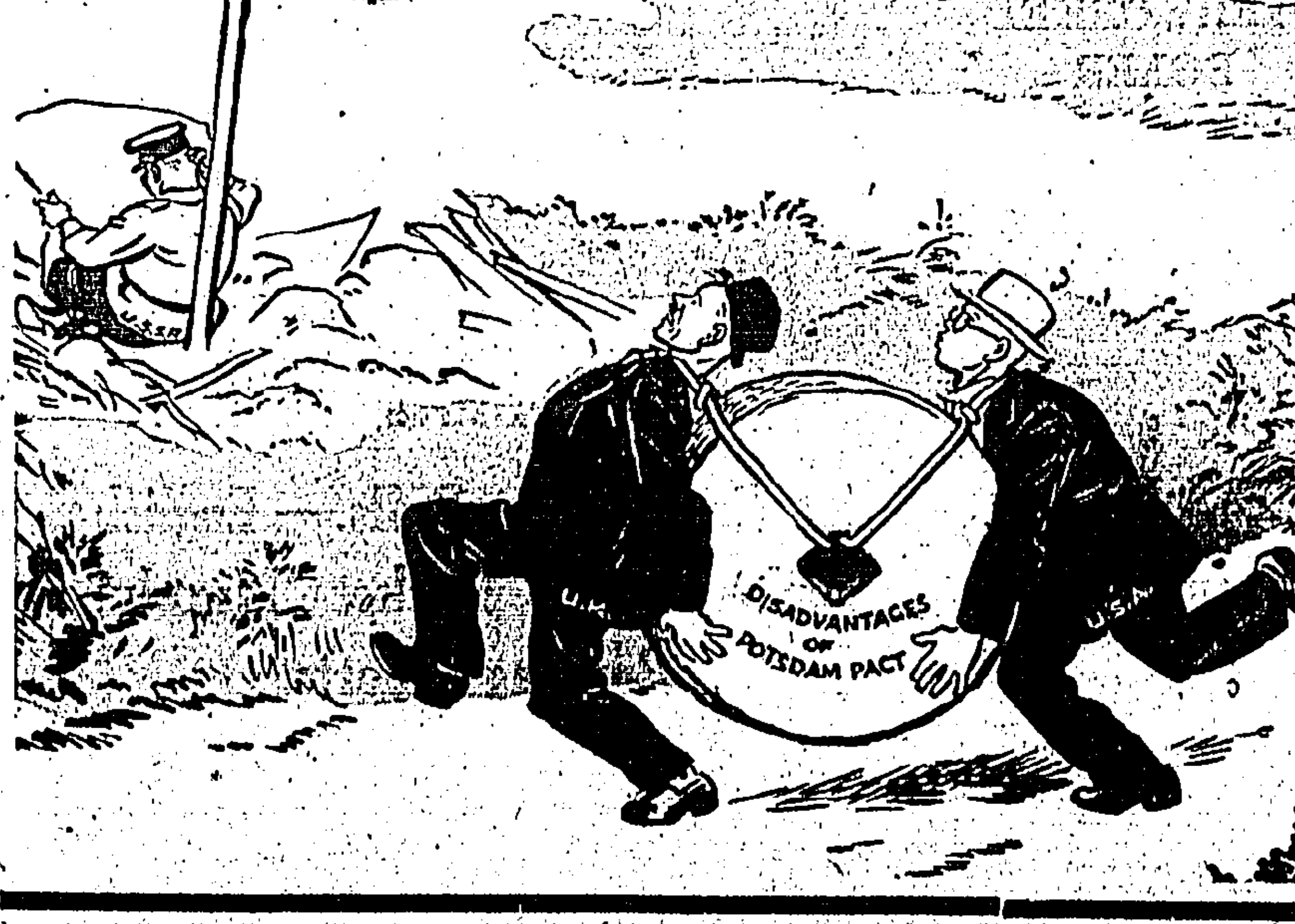
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4th Extra Meeting

Importance
Of Draw For
Positions

(BY "THE TURE")

For the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held at the Valley this afternoon, an attractive programme of eight events has been arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club.

In a programme of eight races, half are over a short distance, the results of which will depend to a great extent on the start. I would recommend a careful study of the draw for positions as it is obvious that getting off to a good start in races of this kind is a matter of paramount importance, in which case upsets can be expected.

Lo Wu Handicap—(One Mile)

The curtain rises with this event confined to ponies of the Hongkong Services Race Club. In this mile distance the best pony will again be Jackie with G. D. A. Gregory up. In his last outing weighing 108 lbs he proved to be a hard pony to beat and I think he will avenge his defeat against Nigger this time. It would appear that it has the best recommendation for a win. The distance should suit Jackie very well. If Nigger can take the lead I think it will stand a good chance of winning. Mayfair (Parry) is another pony to be watched and is capable of creating an upset, as it is quite at home over this distance. There is also Mosee to be considered as he is a stayer and might cause an upset.

Coolgardie Handicap—1st Section (Six Furlongs)

This is a race for sprinters of "C" Class and judging from last performances Red Fox it taken out by C. L. Gregory will do better this time and a win here is quite possible. Strong opposition should come from Arabian Moon and Happy Valley.

Beaumaris Stakes—1st Section (About 1 mile 171 yards)

This race will be contested by "D" Class Ponies, and the first three to pass the post should be Souvenir (Yuen), Blue Peter (Hodgman) and Eastern Diamond (Newman). Jinx with C. L. Gregory will be very dangerous and is worth an outside bet. Other probable starters are: Airfield (Siddle), Happy Season (Rowlands), Hostile Witness (Ching), Justified (Mull), Sunny and Normandy. The last named is coming out for the first time.

Bonarba Handicap—(About 1/2 mile 170 yards) 1st Section

Expectations of a close and exciting finish should be witnessed in this race and will be no easy task to pick the winner as several good ponies are included in this section of "B" Class. I believe however that the finish will be fought out between Kim, Lily and White Dragon, with Elmer to be considered as an outsider. The other remaining entrants are Royal Commission and Thunderbolt.

Wattle Park Handicap—One Mile "A" Class

Only five entries have entered for this mile event of "A" Class ponies. Norse Queen (Ostroumoff) Derby and Champion winners at the Annual Race Meeting, suffered its first defeat at the hands of Daisy Bell at the last meeting, but I cannot see how it can be beaten again. Air Borne (Black) has a concession of nine pounds from Norse Queen, and it given a runaway start, might cause an upset, and see it will be very difficult to beat the champion. Sookunpo (Woo) 140 pounds and Jeep Lee (Hodgman) 137 pounds will find the weight very much to their advantage, and will be going all out to win this event. The other starter is VJ-Dny.

Coolgardie Handicap—2nd Section (Six Furlongs)

In this event for the second lot of "C" Class ponies, a good race is expected. Jinx (C. L. Gregory) is long overdue for a win and if he gets away to a good start he will be prominent at the finish. Crown Witness (Ching), Midnight Express (Woo) and National Congress (Chiu) should be worth following as any of these three ponies are capable of winning.

Bonarba Handicap—2nd Section (About 1/2 mile 170 yards)

This half mile 170 yards race is the second batch of "B" Class ponies and the finish will be very close. Sky selections are Cooper, Lucky Strike and Woodonga. It is also worth betting \$5 each way on Speedaway as an outsider.

Beaumaris Stakes (About 1 Mile 171 yards) 2nd Section

This race will wind up the day's programme, in which Fifth Alarm (Black) although beaten at the last meeting, should again be prominent at the finish. The pony is more suitable for this distance, but in view of the opposition it should not be fully expected, except perhaps, by Emperors Gate, which is held by (Hodgman) which should be placed. Toolsie may be worth following as an outsider. The other entrants are: Burge (Ostroumoff), Flying Wheel (Pearson), Golden Wheel (Mull), National Hero (Chiu), Rosebud and Peggy. The last named will be on view for the first time.

SPORTS FEATURES

WEEK-END FOOTBALL

Sing Tao v. S. China
The Pick Of
A Fine Programme

(By SEE TEE)

To-morrow's second meeting of the premier Chinese clubs, Sing Tao and South China, crowns a most interesting week-end soccer programme, for this afternoon there are four First Division games in all of which the sides are unusually well matched.

Of to-day's games three are the club's second meetings in the first league competition, while the all-Service occasion at Sookunpo where 42 Commando are opposed by 27th Field Regiment is a most attractive fixture.

Sing Tao and South China last met in a Division 1 game on Saturday, November 2, on the Navy Ground: Sing Tao won 4-1. To-morrow is another league match: Sunday, March 30, will see them meet again in the Governor's Cup Final. On form Sing Tao are favourites. The record is more convincing than South China's, as they have been beaten only once this season. 1/5 Commando lowered their colours on October 12. Apart from a couple of severe frights—C.A.S.C. upset their acquaintance and 44 Commando nearly ran up a 3-0 lead before losing—Sing Tao have won most of their games with plenty to spare.

It was C.A.S.C. who surprisingly beat South China five weeks ago. Apart from that and their defeat at the hands of Sing Tao, South China have themselves continued in the winning way, but with a difference. They have acquired the unenviable reputation of being outstandingly slow to settle down: sometimes they have taken nearly 25 minutes to get off the mark. Once in their stride, however, South China are a force to be reckoned with.

Football Laws

OFFSIDE

When the Football Association rewrote the "Referee's" Chart and Players' Guide to the Laws of the Game in 1931 they introduced many improvements. I have often thought, however, that the original offside law (as published before 1931) was much more to the point than the present Law 11. So far as my memory serves me it began:

"When a player plays the ball any player of the same side who is nearer to his opponents' goal-line is off-side." After that was listed a list of these being "unless there are two opponents nearer to their own goal-line."

And there, except for minor points, you have the offside law. Yet how many players and spectators have the first knowledge of these two basic points? From my experience in matches I have watched recently, I should say about one player in a recent Cup Final I saw players looking askance at the referee and linesmen as they were pulled up on being most blatantly offside. On several occasions they pointed to defenders with expressions of injured innocence.

"How could I be offside?" Chaps who play football should take the trouble to learn one of the game's most important laws: there is some small excuse for the non-playing spectator.

Let's go over this again. "When a player plays the ball..." "Unless there are two opponents nearer to their own goal-line." Forwards! when you line yourselves up in line with the rear-most defenders, remember, you are off-side if you are awaiting the through pass from one of your team-mates. If you are in line with a defender it stands to reason that the defender is not nearer to his own goal-line. Defenders! (full backs in particular), remember, it is where you are when the ball is played that counts. If you move two or three quick paces upfield while the ball is travelling towards your goal you will not put an opponent off-side.

Some forwards labour under the delusion that if they wait "until they are behind the ball" all is well and they may proceed as they wish. The up-to-date Law 11 is quite clear on this point for in its "Advice to Players" it reads "If you are in an off-side position, you cannot put yourself on-side. You can only be put on-side by an opponent playing the ball or if you are behind the ball when it is next played by one of your own side."

In their last match with Sing Tao, however, they were on their toes from the kick-off and although 0-1 in arrears at half time they were just a little unlucky. During the second half Sing Tao steadily gained the upper-hand. Treating the packed ground to many fine movements they established a 3-0 lead and were worthy winners by four goals to one.

TO-DAY'S BIG GAME

If the Saints are able to field their full eleven (and I hear there is every chance that their Macao men will be available) the pick of to-day's fixtures is their meeting with the R.A.F. at Caroline Hill. These two sides had a grand game at their last meeting in November. The Saints knocked up a 2-0 lead which was levelled by two good goals from "Junior" Beech in the second half. In the last few minutes of a most exciting match Roche scored the winning goal for the Saints. Mr. In, who is refereeing to-day's game, officiated at the previous match, stepping into the breach when the appointed referee failed to arrive in time.

Kwong Wah, who are the guests of the Club this afternoon beat them in their last meeting 4-1. The Club had a good game with Eastern last Saturday and were a little unlucky to lose: they will certainly give Kwong Wah a run.

The Chinese Amateur Sporting Club had no difficulty in beating the Navy 4-1 on December 17, for the sailors made the Amateurs a present of two gifts: goals, by the game was five minutes off. They were the result of misunderstandings: last week the Airmen collected two of their six goals against the Navy, through such defensive lapses. It was Hangle and Wills, both of whom have left the Colony who combined well to get the sailors' solitary goal against Kwong Wah.

WATCH THE GOALKEEPERS

Two of the best goal-keepers in local football should be on view at Sookunpo this afternoon where 42 Commando meet the 27th Field Regiment. Craske of the "27th," who proved a hinted last week, played a great game against Sing Tao on Sunday. Sing Tao's goal the final score might well have been eight or nine but for Craske's great play. If Powell appear for 42 Cdo and the two forward lines are on the target, Sookunpo should be a most lively place this afternoon.

It is interesting to note how live-wire "centre-forwards" have blossomed forth in recent weeks. Gold-thorpe, who was doing so well for 42 Commando, as leader of the attack, played many games on the wing in the recent season: the same was true of Ford, though I still think he is a better winger than a centre-forward. Sewell, who is doing so well at the head of the R.A.F. attack has played well both as an inside and as an outside man.

It is not so many weeks ago that Humble was playing as a wide forward for 45 Commando and a wide success. Team changes necessitated a re-shuffle and Humble turned out with good results, as a wing half. Many spectators at the Memorial Cup final wondered at Humble's failure to produce his usual form. The reason was that he was a complete misfit as a full back. The forward strain was always evident in Humble's half back play, for in addition to doing a lot of fetching and carrying for his forwards he would often join in their upfield movements for a crack at goal.

OVERWORKED
BOXER

The death of Italian lightweight Federico Cortonesi, who died following a fight in Geneva, appeared to be another case of boxing's occupational hazard—overwork. Cortonesi suffered a nervous collapse last fall which was blamed on the fact that he fought 11 bouts in nine months. The Swiss Boxing Federation completely absolved his opponent, Georges Vignes of France, from any blame in the death. Vignes is known as a hard-fighter who is willing to take a lot of punishment for the sake of giving some. He was French champion in 1937 and has lost only 23 times in 203 fights.—United Press.

Irishmen For The Walker Cup?

Britain's Walker Cup selection committee has included names of four top-notch Irishmen among golfers chosen to compete in the final trials for the Walker Cup squad to meet the U.S. at St. Andrews on May 16. This marked the best indication to date that the Royal and Ancient Club admit Irishmen as eligible—a question that has caused a lot of grey hairs for the selectors.—United Press.



CHAMPIONS.—Here are The Giants, this year's champions of the fastball league. Manager Charles Figueiredo is standing on the extreme right.

FASTBALL NOTES

International Series
To End Season

Problem Of Picking Teams

(BY "SPECTATOR")

Signalling the advent of the end, the International Series which has been the usual finale of the official fastball season, makes a start to-morrow. At 2.30 p.m. India meets Portugal and at 4.00 p.m. U.S.A. takes on China in the first round competition.

Arrangements are being made, like in this knock-out, make-or-break International, the Indian boys are a squad hard to beat. They showed this with forcefulness when they won for two years running before the outbreak of war.

Most of the players to represent India will be drawn from those who took part in the League just concluded. All of them displayed good form and since they are a limited number there is no difficulty in picking their line-up. A. J. Hussain, Sherry Bucks, K. Nazari, A. R. Raznek, A. K. Markar, A. K. Omar and A. H. Bakur are certain to be selected again. New faces not seen in the two previous victorious India teams, but sure to walk into the side, are the "perfect combination" of short stop A. K. Rumbh and third baseman Benny Omar. A former India Internationalist A. H. Ismail who excelled playing catcher, was not playing behind the plate for the whole of the current season and therefore may be left out. The young trio of I. M. Omar, E. Yusuf and Z. A. Abbas make the grade with ease, and if not for the fact that the old tried warhorses have still plenty of what it takes, they would have elbowed some of them out to take their places. The youthful Samy brothers should prove useful for emergency. Apart from the apparent sure choices I expect Omar to be in the starting ten.

Arthur Peall says:

"SPOT end of diagram shows a type of leave which causes many bookers' assaults. It is called a query raised by R. Hodkins (Grosvenor). It is a free ball and nominates pink. He plays on centre of pink and leaves opponent in a coked position by that ball, indicating that it is fair to play the ball on W & U & D still be considered by black if pink was touched."

This claim often made, is mistaken. The rule is that a trialist leaves opponent in a coked position by the nominated ball it is a foul. A fair ball is one which is not nominated pink to leave opponent snookered by pink, as indicated.

After pocketing last red, striker jumped over the spotted blue and took, in his opinion, pink as a foul because, in his opinion, pink should be in a coked position. This is wrong. When asked by a referee, a player must nominate which ball he is on, or may so nominate for his own protection, but he need not nominate every ball he is on throughout the game.

PORTUGAL'S DILEMMA

Portugal has so many grade players at its disposal that it will be such a difficult job deciding whom to leave out. There are those with reputations who were not playing regularly, or not at all, in the League, and the others who played regularly and well. Now whom to choose? No matter who are the selectors— I know Charles Figueiredo is one of them and Tony Alves should be one other—peppery all-rounder Leo Tavares should find himself the first string pitcher. As far as I can see there are some certainties in the Portuguese line-up. These are Gerry Gosano, Billy Soares, Alvaro Xavier, Chuck Quinn, Tony Alves and Leo Vieira. Amongst them should have been that versatile sportsman Bertie Gosano. However, Bertie was seen in only a few games and for that one is uncertain of his current form.

Joe Brown may be turning out for Great Britain. If it is entering. By the way arrangements have been made for G. B. to take part if desired and to be pitched against the winners of the India v. Portugal game.

Spotty, Pereira, Wilfred Lawrence, Fernand, J. Franco, Spiker, Gutierrez, Gerry Roza Pereira, Hyndman, Tony Bayot, Rene Sequiera and Avichi Yvanovich are the not few of more up-to-the-standard players who demand to be considered to represent Portugal.

Yes Sir, it's going to be headache for the selectors for Portugal! A wide procedure would appear to be to pick the crowd of boys who can play together, for only in this respect they look weaker than India. Man to man the Portuguese lads are quite a match.

However, this "local" battle will be all-out struggle from the beginning to end. One slip up means the

As things would have it, the draw for the preliminary round of the International resulted in two "local boys" teams pitched against each other, i. e. India against Portugal. The winners of this match should eventually emerge the champions. There has been burning rivalry amongst these two sides and the Indians have so far managed by the narrowest margin to come out victorious.

While this year, as usual, Portugal will have a big and strong field to choose from and India is almost the opposite in this respect, still the latter is favoured to win. Playing together in a couple of games or so,

SPORTS
DIARY

TO-DAY

Soccer—1st Division

Caroline Hill.—St. Joseph's v. R.A.F. 4.15 p.m.
Club.—Kwong Wah v. Club, 4.15 p.m.
Sookunpo.—42 RM Cdo v. 27 Field Regt RA, 4.15 p.m.

Second Division

Military.—3 Cdo Bde HQ v. HK Chinese Cadre, 4.15 p.m.
Military.—RANC v. 1st Bn Devons, 2.45 p.m.
Club.—Club v. HK Signal Coy, 2.45 p.m.
Navy.—Navy v. Kit Chee, 2.45 p.m.
Caroline Hill.—HQ Land Forces v. South China, 2.45 p.m.

Cricket

KCC.—KCC v. HKCC, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

Soccer—1st Div.

Club.—Sing Tao v. South China, 4.15 p.m.

Second Division

Club.—Sing Tao v. Kwong Wah, 2.45 p.m.
Navy.—Dockyard v. Police, 2.45 p.m.
Navy.—44 RM Cdo v. 387 Coy. RASC, 4.15 p.m.

Cricket

KCC.—KCC v. HKCC, 11 a.m.

Lawn Bowls

KIBCC.—KIBCC v. Zetland Lodge, 3.30 p.m.

Fastball

Recreio.—Portugal v. India, 2.30 p.m.; China v. America, 4 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY WIN
FOR BRITAIN

An Ice Hockey team representing the United States has recently been making a tour of British ice rinks. The visitors played a series of five Test Matches against a team composed of British-born players, and other players with a qualification of five years' residence in Britain. The standard of the play was generally high, and of the nine matches played, six were won by Britain, three by the United States, and one match was drawn.

OPPOSITION TO
OPEN TOURNEYS

The U.S. Lawn Tennis Association reportedly will instruct its delegate to the International meeting at Paris on March 21 to oppose any move made to recognise open tennis competitions between pros and amateurs. The All-India LTA is expected to offer such a proposal.—United Press.

THE OTHER TUSSELE

China v. U. S. A.—The American outfit's strength is an uncertain quantity. Manager Doc Molten says he will probably send out an all-glob battle squad to represent the U. S. A. On the other hand, may be he'll put out a mixed side of "Hongkong Americans" and see-the-world circumstances. In any case, under such circumstances, it appears they will not be able to play well enough on a "strange land" or play together to make formidable opponents for the knock-out outfit, and are not expected to beat the boys from the "home town," China.

China has a forceful line-up and a blaring asset in its hurler Terbie Quon. That ball-playing maniac slugging Bill Woo is in the side too. The others expected to do duty creditably are Dick Chung, Luke Bunn, P. K. Lau, Bill Hong Sing, Nelson Ma, Choi Ping-fung, Showboat Ali, Ted Lau and G. G. Lee.

Joe Baksi
Prepares For
Big FightWoodcock To Face
Tough Opponent

BY BOB MEYER

London. Ray Arcel, trainer of Joe Baksi and one of the fight business' "gentlemen," believes Big Joe and Bruce Woodcock will be staking their careers on the result of their important fight at London's Harringay Arena on April 15.

"It is definite that no opponent will be chosen for Joe until after the Baksi-Woodcock bout," said Arcel, who is a straight-shooting talker and impresses all who meet him as one of the nicer guys in the industry.

"It's almost certain that the winner will meet Louis in June," Arcel said. And as a trainer, he is taking no chances that Baksi will not be in peak form for Woodcock to "earn a crack at the World's heavyweight championship." Arcel and Manager Nito Wolfson have selected a training camp at Brighton, on the coast due south of London for Baksi to get into shape for the British champion. "It's Billy Sinclair's training camp," Arcel said, "and I know it's good without even looking at it. Gus Lesnevich trained there and liked it very much. Billy takes good care of the American fighters, and it's a place where Joe can relax without having this constant floundering and jockeying you find around city gyms."

THE OCCASIONAL EGG

It is rumoured that Sinclair manages to turn up a legal egg or two for his fighters occasionally, and in England, that's a point to be considered.

Baksi, Arcel, Wolfson and Mrs. Baksi landed at Southampton on February 13 on the U.S.S. America and stepped ashore to find themselves in the midst of England's worst winter in living history. Temperatures had reached a 77-year low and the Ministry of Fuel had invoked a 100 per cent power cut for five hours per day. As one wag remarked: "It seems as though folks haven't carried enough coals to Newcastle."

But Baksi & Co. aren't letting conditions bother them. "Of course, I'm sorry about conditions here—sorry for the people," Arcel said. "But we always were treated swell here and we take things as we find them and like it." Baksi's effect on British sports writers was something to watch. Joe is just a big overgrown boy who likes to play practical jokes, do magic tricks and laugh. He can be termed "typically American," although he was born of Czech parents. He worked hard in the Pennsylvania coal mines as a youth, struggled to become a boxer and suddenly one day awoke to find himself famous.

SOCIAL POISE

Like many fighters and jockeys who suddenly find themselves in polite society after years of fighting their way uphill, Baksi has acquired an outward veneer of social poise and a personality to use on his large public.

He has done this better than most fighters. His humour is raucous and crude, but effective. His wit isn't quick but it is versatile and leaves people with the impression: "There is a swell guy!"

Baksi greeted well-wishers in a fancy afternoon suit aboard the America with a handshake that contained a shock. It wasn't simply the boxer's grip that hurt—he wore a small buzzer on his finger which spins a sharp point against the victim's hand. This old trick caused Joe to laugh loudly each time, and even after potential hand-shakers knew their fate, they went through the ordeal bravely.

Next Joe showed off his disappearing coin trick. He placed an American dime, penny and a twenty-five cent piece in the "stooge's" hand, then made the dime disappear. But Joe couldn't contain his secret. He told them how the trick was done after showing it only three times (which is strictly taboo among professional magicians).

The secret? The dime is thin and one side is copper-coated instead of silver. It sticks to the penny and they appear to be one coin.—United Press.

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How Much Do You Know?

(Answers on Page 10)

1. How long has archery been practised?
2. What is the date of the first recorded use of an anaesthetic in surgery?
3. How long do salmon live?
4. Name the English poet who was called "The Poet's Poet."
5. Name the second largest continent.
6. What was the ancient name of Palestine?
7. Love birds are members of what bird family?
8. Which will float in water, a stale egg or a fresh one?
9. Who was the "Beloved Disciple"?
10. How many times has France been invaded in the last five centuries?
11. Name two islands in the English Channel that are famous for breeds of cattle bearing their names.
12. What country is supported entirely from taxes on gaming tables?
13. Who conceived the idea of using mercury in thermometers instead of alcohol?
14. How does a cat wash its face, by rubbing its paws against its face or its face against its paws?
15. Where is the Luxembourg Palace?

Luftwaffe Planned To Fly To United States

Once top-secret, the activities of the Royal Air Force Special Duties squadrons are now common knowledge, but interesting reports have now come to light which show that the Luftwaffe also had its special duties units.

These units were all controlled by Kampf-Geschwader 200 (K. G. 200) and the more ambitious schemes prepared included an attempt on the life of Marshal Stalin, the planning of a flight to the United States and the dropping of saboteurs in Arab countries.

But there were also units connected with the operation of radio-controlled and rocket-propelled missiles; in fact, during its short existence K. G. 200 carried out many unorthodox operations in which aircraft could be used.

It was first formed early in 1944 under Colonel Heigl and was later commanded by Colonel Baumbach, pre-war stunt flyer from which full details of the activities of these units became available.

First move of Colonel Heigl was the incorporation in K. G. 200 of the Gartenfeld Gruppe, an organisation

which had previously been carrying out agent-dropping. And a suicide squad was immediately formed for operations with glider-bombs and rocket-propelled missiles.

By far the most important and most interesting section was the unit which carried out the agent-dropping behind enemy fronts. There were four flights used, each one specialising in different ranges and different areas and each with its separate code name. The peak month for German agent-dropping was July 1944, when more than 200 persons were planted behind Allied lines, and over an eight-month period altogether more than 600 men and women were landed.

One of the last assignments given to the units was the evacuation of V.I.P.s from burning Berlin. After this they tried to find 1,000 radio operators for underground work with the Werewolves, but this plan failed miserably.

New Technique In Candid Photography

PARIS.—One impact of the recent Peace Conference which has left a lasting mark on Paris is the work of a photographer, Gjon Mili. Considered by far to have produced the most outstanding pictures of the Conference, M. Mili's technique had long fascinated the visitors, including the principals, before many people had seen his work.

Behind that technique and therefore present in the idea he conceived and developed was Prof. Harold Edgerton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

M. Mili is a native of Albania, was brought up in Rumania, went to the United States and entered M. I. T. in 1923 to train as an electrical engineer. Professor Edgerton was one year ahead of him and they (Edgar Snow) (Living China) became friends.

LIGHTING EXPERT

Upon graduating in 1927, M. Mili went to the Westinghouse plant in Pittsburgh as a graduate student, then transferred to the company's lighting laboratories in Bloomfield, N. J., as an electrical engineer, specialising in lighting. In that fact lies the main key to his work.

Professor Edgerton, meanwhile, had become fascinated by the possibilities of high-speed photography for research purposes, registering myriad kinds of action so that it could be studied. He found that artificially lighted photography goes as far back as photography itself with Fox Talbot, foremost English pioneer, experimenting around 1840 with spark gaps to produce back light for photographing silhouettes.

SWITCH TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Professor Edgerton started with the spark gap, with progress being slow until finally, in 1937, he developed the argon low pressure tube which, with its ability to produce tremendous light in such time as one ten-thousandth of a second, opened up the new field he had been trying to explore. He communicated this information to M. Mili at Westinghouse, who took up work on it with great zeal.

"Why doesn't the fellow ever take a picture?" asked delegates to the peace conference. They didn't know till later that Gjon Mili, Albanian-born, U. S.-trained photographer, had been snapping all the time, using a new method.

Working with high speed photography and seeing what the fundamental of photography through the subject of reflected light really means M. Mili soon evolved into photography itself. As he says, it is not a departure from lighting engineering. Far from it.

The camera is merely an instrument for recording reflected light. Its basic techniques and mechanics are easily learned and standard. Obviously, as M. Mili saw it, photography actually is based on lighting techniques instead of cameras. In appreciating this and developing it, M. Mili became the outstanding photographer that he is to-day.

High speed lighting as developed by Professor Edgerton, plus this appreciation of lighting, became the tools which M. Mili used.

MERE "INKLING OF LIGHT"

His work at the Conference aroused much interest because of this very high speed light idea. Ordinary flash bulbs which, sticking steadily, annoy both principals and spectators average about one fifteen-th of a second in light duration. M. Mili's flash, now using xenon instead of argon because its colour is more like daylight, lasts only one ten-thousandth of a second.

As M. Mili puts it, it is not really a flash but only an "inkling of light." It is practically invisible to the human eye.

Combine this with M. Mili himself, who is a tall, thin, bird-faced person, looking as though he was continually seeing a new picture, his head covered with heavy, grey—and M. Mili in operation becomes something which attracts attention. Steinberg of the New Yorker did a cartoon of him, emphasizing these features, which is one of M. Mili's principal delights.

"Why doesn't the fellow ever take a picture?" reporters would ask. For M. Mili would move around with four sets of lights, setting them up and sighting through his camera but with no flash being apparent.

The result seemed to be one long series of rehearsals without actual "shooting." Yet M. Mili, at such an event as the Evatt press conference took some 30 exposures.

"INVISIBLE" FLASHES

He set up one set of lights to illuminate the door to "get" people going in and coming out, one on Australian Minister for External Affairs Herbert V. Evatt himself and two set to pick up the audience. With control switch on his camera, he could move about and study for the expected moment and photograph it—and all without anyone being conscious that he had accomplished his endeavour.

Soon the onlookers began to learn of what had been going on about them. And when the pictures appeared, there was no question but that the lighting engineering approach to photography had scored. M. Mili was asked to set up a wide-angle exhibition of his work in Paris, which he did under sponsorship of Jean Paul Sartre, founder of the cult of Existentialism.

Most interesting outgrowth of working with this technique and speed is that M. Mili now sees photography as essentially mental, as something one senses and which instruments merely record for the operator. He anticipates the kind of expressions a man might have and sets his lights accordingly.

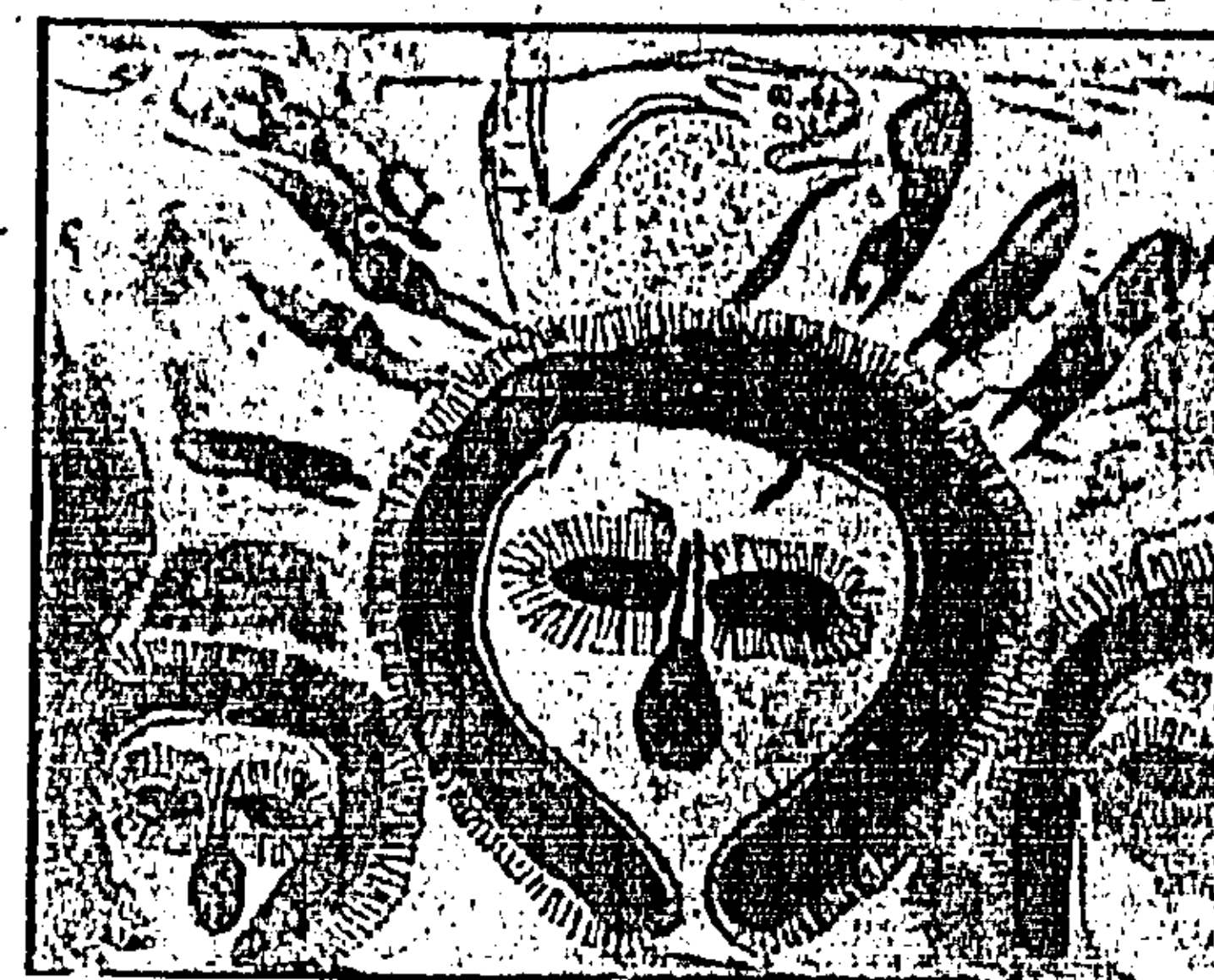
Faces are not held to be important except for the thoughts they express, and his work is to catch thoughts. He often suggests ideas which will produce the thought he wishes to record.

"Call it intuition or what you will," he says, "but there it is."

"Furthermore, since I have learned to operate that way, all sorts of things happen of which I have taken later show themselves to be part of the harmonious whole of the action in my life."

This is what is behind M. Mili's pictures, making it easy to realise why his work already has received such recognition, and yet it is only starting.

PORTRAIT OF A WOND'INA



A Native art show comes to London

By WILLIAM GAUNT

HOW does the Australian

aborigine rank as an artist?

The question arises after seeing the exhibition of native rock paintings at Australia House. Are they, let us say, as good in their own weird way as those of Picasso—or Paul Klee?

Such moderns fish often in the deep waters of primitive art. They cannot reproduce the original conditions and outlook. To the Australian Stone Age man painting was not an art. It was a matter of life and death.

Before Captain Cook and the chronometer arrived, the aborigine, wrapped in a timeless dream, tried to come to an arrangement with the mysterious powers which governed his being. In his dream world there was a powerful ancestral glory, a mythical hero, the Wond'ina. He painted the Wond'ina with a halo, with eyes and nose. Reverently (or for some reason or another) he omitted the mouth.

Useful purpose

In the depths of his hallucination he had still a useful purpose in view. Wond'inas turned into "rain-bow serpents," supreme symbol of the aborigine's myth. The rainbow serpent stood for fertility and increase. It caused food and children to exist.

To-day the native touches the paintings in the hope that rain will come, that the serpent's spirit offspring will come from the billabongs (or water-holes), that his clan in consequence will be fruitful and multiply.

The blackfellow now has no urge to paint more such pictures. He does not believe they ever were painted by man. He thinks they

are the magical shadows of supernatural beings. All he does is to restore them from time to time with fresh coats of pipeclay and ochre.

The modern, therefore, is different from that of the modern artist who tries to be primitive.

To the psycho-analyst this primitive art is squeezed from the subconscious. If we get a thrill from the Australians' rock pictures it is that of one subconscious responding to another, a message in which the intellect has no part.

Freud made a neat equation between the savage and the child (who paints in the same instinctive way). I think the Wond'ina illustrated here, with its surround of cockatoo feathers and its quaint animal appendage (a rock wallaby) is nearer to the pictures turned out in classrooms, where the children "express themselves," than it is to Picasso or Klee.

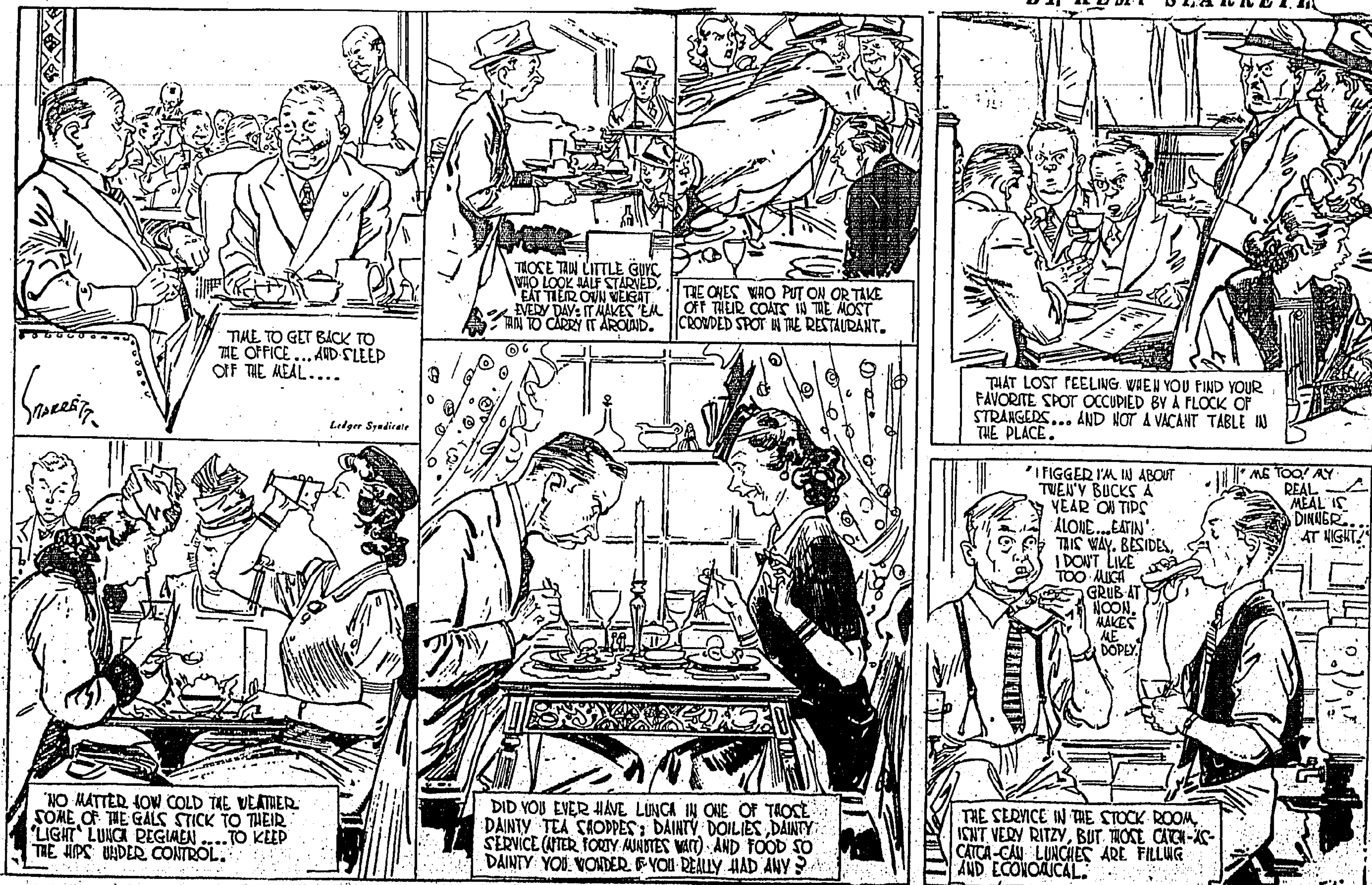
It is a link between the Kimberley blackfellow and little London-born Tommy Smith or Alice Brown (aged 8-10), giving as it does an insight into the fantasy of which, at all times, man is capable.

TRAINING FOR OLYMPICS

So keen are athletes at Cambridge University to get places in Britain's Olympic teams when the Olympic Games are held in London in 1948 that, when their ground was snow-bound recently, they swept part of it clear and continued practice runs and jumps.

Many men have been building up their physique by physical training exercises in the snow, and have been studying the secrets of athletic success at a series of lectures given by former Olympic competitors and others.

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College For Housewives

The women's institutes in Britain are to have a college for housewives. It was decided in 1945 at the annual general meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes to attempt a type of educational experiment through country women, inspired by the Danish People's High Schools.

A house has been found—Marshall Park, Abingdon, Berkshire—which will be named Denman College, in tribute to the Federation's first Chairman, Lady Denman, and in recognition of her 29 years of service.

It can accommodate 30 students, but as soon as the building situation permits it is hoped this accommodation will be increased to 60. The College will be pleasantly furnished and country housewives, during their studies, will be given a rest from housekeeping in comfortable single or double rooms. In order to make the College available to members of all income ranges, charges will be kept as low as possible.

They Think Britain Is Fading Out

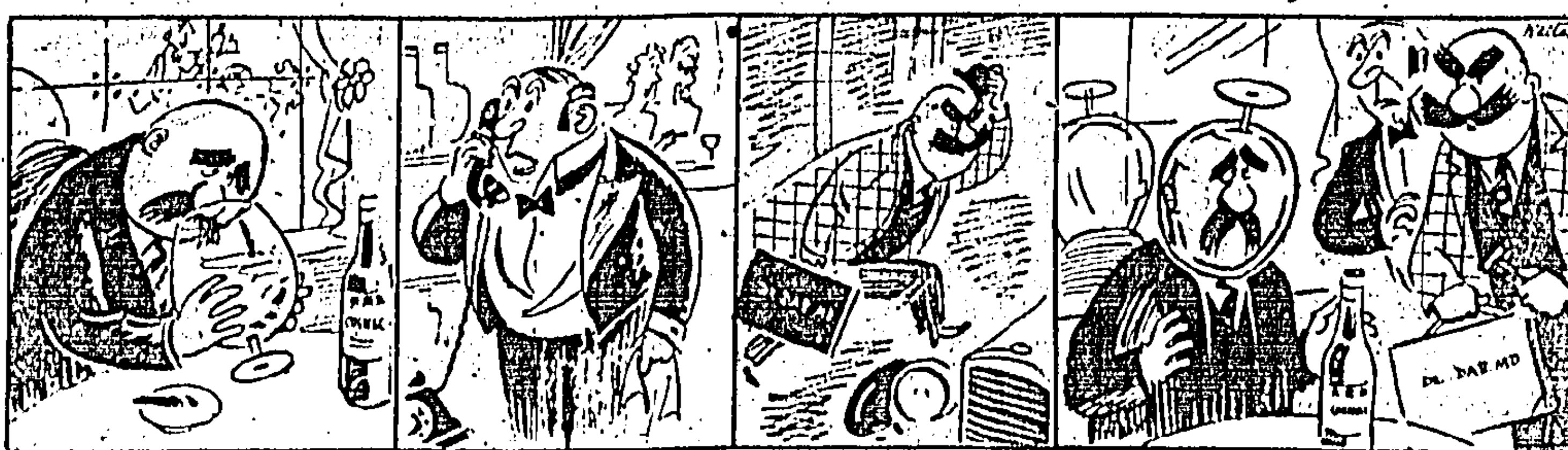
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too sincere, perhaps too naive, to hide their belief that Britain is sinking to the level of a second rate or even third-rate Power.

What the Chicago Tribune says openly and brutally, others say by their reticence and evasions. They do not believe that Britain will recover from the paralysis of Socialism.

I am sorry to write these words, but all of us, regardless of party, who love Britain and believe in her indestructible destiny should realize how she looks from this fabulous Chicago, capital of the Middle West, the city which Al Capone and Colonel McCormick looked upon as their own, the industrial Mecca built on the shores of a lake with beautiful parks and majestic skyline, where everyone is in a hurry, and Bert Goldberg is wanted on the phone.

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THE PROPOSAL

"THE bloke told me to wait for the answer," said the urchin. Ruth Bernstein nodded as she took the note he passed over the shop counter.

The boy watched her unfold the single sheet and read the message. He saw her hand tremble, and he noticed how a sudden flush tinged her thin, sallow face. When she looked up, her eyes glowed with a soft dreamy light.

For a moment he scraped a bare toe on the floor, wondering how long she was going to remain in the trance.

"Well?" he demanded impatiently. "Oh!" She started back to reality. Cupid, in the strange guise of a very ragged and very dirty youngster, awaited her answer.

"You—you may tell Mr. Kiley I'll meet him to-night," she said breathlessly. "And—here's something for you."

The boy flicked the coin in the air, caught it deftly, then beamed up at her. "Gee, tar," he murmured, "I'll tell the bloke you're said." Next moment he was gone.

RUTH gazed around her. The shop seemed to have changed since she'd received that note. It had always been an obsession with her. She had thought of it as a dismal museum filled with relics of shattered dreams. It had always seemed to match her own drab, unromantic existence—her own unrealised dreams. Now, it was a gorgeous, enchanted cavern filled with exquisite raiment and sparkling jewels, treasures to adorn her in readiness for her very first love affair.

Presently her fond gaze returned to the message. "I must see you urgently. Be on the corner to-night at eight and make me the happiest bloke in the world, Joe Kiley." That was all. To Ruth, it was the most exciting and most eloquent love letter of all time.

Tenderly she folded it and placed it inside her dress so that it was close to her rapidly pounding heart. And then she thought of her father and his very poor opinion of Joe Kiley.

"If ever he shows his face inside my shop again I'll have the police on him." The echo from the past came back to her. "A worthless waster... an inveterate gambler... a cheat and a liar." Further memories came of her father's rage against young men in general, and Joe Kiley in particular.

Ruth shrugged. It was her affair, not her father's. Perhaps he would alter when Joe was his son-in-law?

PROMPTLY at eight, Ruth reached the corner. Joe stepped forward eagerly.

"You—you made it." His voice was relieved.

"Good evening," said Ruth, reminding herself that she must be careful not to rush things. She had devoured thousands of articles on how to attract men, and that had always been stressed.

"Er—let's get away from here," said Joe. "Your old man might be trailing you."

Ruth laughed easily. At the same moment, she shook her borrowed fur so he might glimpse the sparkle of her necklace.

"Father is asleep," she said. "I made him go to bed early."

"That's great," said Joe. "Let's hope it does his liver some good. When I think of the things he called me last time—"

"Where are you taking me to-night?" she interrupted coyly.

"Oh! Er—well, that is," Joe stammered. "I'm not fussy as long as it's somewhere quiet. I want to ask you something—very important."

RUTH'S heart looped the loop. "I know just the place," she smiled. "It's a place where many lovers go."

"Lead me to it," said Joe. "The sooner I get this over the better I'll like it. I'm that excited," he added, "I don't really know what I'm talking about."

A few moments later they were seated on a park bench overlooking the distant harbour.

"You—you were going to ask me something, Joe," she whispered.

"Something very important."

"Yeah, that's right," agreed Joe. "But—I'm all sort of tongue-tied. I—I don't know how to begin. I've got a diamond engagement ring and—"

"Diamond ring! Oh, Joe!" She was wriggled.

"Well," continued Joe. "Your old man don't like me, and that sort of made it tough for me to—er—"

"Do something you wanted to do," she suggested helpfully.

"That's it," nodded Joe. "That's just it. I was—er—sort of wondering if it would make any difference to you, knowing that I'm sort of on the outer with your old man?"

"Not a scrap of difference," she cried. "What I do and what I think is my own affair. I'm over twenty-one—not much over," she added hastily, "and I'll please myself what I do."

"THAT'S the way to talk," laughed Joe. "Well, this—er—proposal I'm—"

"This is so sudden," she interrupted.

"Sudden?" Not a bit of it," said Joe. "I've thought it all out and I'm convinced that it's the most wonderful thing that any man could hope to come across. That's why I got the ring in the first place. I wanted to have it ready for an opportunity like this."

"How—how long have you had the ring, Joe?"

"I've had it for three years," replied Joe.

A SHORT STORY

by DENIS MCCABE

"You—you've been engaged before?" Joe faltered.

"Engaged? Me?" Joe laughed. "You get the queerest ideas," he went on. "I merely picked it up one day when I was in Syria." Joe neglected to tell her he had won it in a swag game, it seemed an unimportant detail.

"And you—you are going to ask me to accept it?" she said softly.

"That's right," grinned Joe. "You're making a real sort of easy for me. I'm so grateful for the way you're helping me."

"You've made me so happy," she sighed.

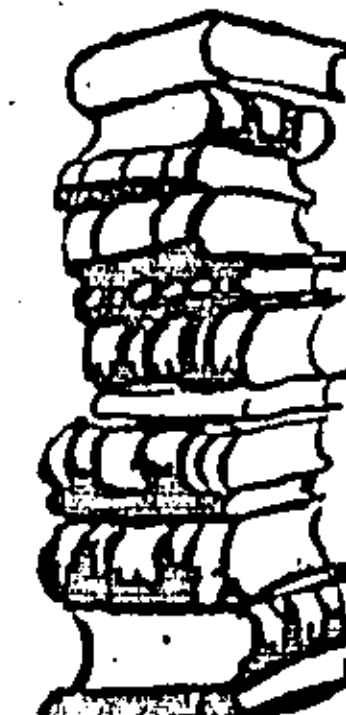
"Happy? Don't take much to cheer you up," murmured Joe. "Now here's the ring." He thrust it into her hand.

A small cloud shadowed her happiness. A pity Joe wasn't a trifle more like Clark Gable. His proposal had been so matter of fact.

"Well, what do you think of it?" Joe's query brought her back to earth.

"It's lovely," she said. "Really lovely."

"Good," granted Joe. "I'm glad you're satisfied. Now all I want on it is two quid. I've got a certainty in the last on Saturday."



Isles of the not so blessed

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

IN The Blue Danube (Hamish Hamilton, 8s. 6d.), Ludwig Bemelmans, who has his own recipe for mixing fun, slyness and pathos, creates for his little tragedy-comedy a little world of fairy tale within the iron-clad reality of Nazi Germany.

Old Anton Fischer, his two old sisters and Leni, their pretty niece, grow radishes on an island which has, regrettably, no legal existence owing to the fact that it disappears for a portion of every year beneath the waters of the river.

Have the Islanders, odious relics of a past when Germany was decent and glorious, escaped the iron clutch of the State?

This thought preys on the haplessness of Gauleiter Stolz, who contrives one stratagem after another to encompass their downfall. In this he seeks the help of a smart officer from Dachau whom important business occasionally brings to the district.

SHORT STORIES

THAT SUMMER. Frank Satchell (John Lehmann, 6s. 6d.). Stories, mostly short, are a new and exciting way of looking at life. This collection is a new and exciting way of looking at life. It is a collection of short stories, mostly about the life of a young man in a small town. The stories are written in a simple, direct style, and they are all very good.

THE NINE MEN OF SOLO. J. MacLaren-Frost (Wingate, 7s. 6d.). Short stories, mostly about the life of a young man in a small town. The stories are written in a simple, direct style, and they are all very good.

HALFWAY DOWN THE CLIFF. Diana Gardner (Edwards, 7s. 6d.). Short stories, mostly about the life of a young man in a small town. The stories are written in a simple, direct style, and they are all very good.

Social evils

It is not often that a British colony is chosen as the scene of a novel, when this does happen the picture is rarely flattering.

Most of the action of Mr. On Loong, Robert Standish's book (Peter Davies, 6s. 6d.), takes place on Newcastle Island, a British possession in the West Indies, populated by a great many coloured people, mostly very poor, a few white planters, mostly very greedy, some British officials, in varying degrees of perplexity, and a Chinese colony of one.

It would be wrong to imagine Newcastle Island as an earthly paradise. It is too long since the

JESTS AND JEERS

A wolf is a person who knows all the ankles.
Strange names are sometimes given to me. I am a correspondent. I am a disappointed knicker.
For ages the two sexes have been racing for supremacy. Now they have settled down to neck and neck.

Wife: I gave you this letter to post a month ago, and I've just found it in your coat pocket.
Husband: I left the coat for you to sew a button on, and it isn't on yet.

Some motorists have had their cars for years and never had a wreck. There are others who have had their wrecks for years and never had a car.

In Japan, says an American paper, popular songs live for months and even years. Here, however, they are murdered over the radio every evening.

The stern parent had caught the young man embracing his daughter. "I only had my arm around her waist," protested the love-sick swain.
"That's where the harm will be," retorted the father.



blood of most of its whites has known the tinge of a frosty English morning. As for the coloured people, they are a compendium of physical and economic woes. The Island is, in fact, as pretty a concentration of social evils as ever plagued Whitehall. But these are kept mercifully in the background of this book.

Wayward girl

THIS is a story, not an "indictment," of the story of the Chinese colony of one. His name is John On Loong, the son of a laundryman whose last hours of mortal life are spent laundering the Governor's dress shirt.

John is adopted by a French skipper, a roving character who, among other exploits, has become the father of a fascinating Creole girl, Laurette.

This young woman inherits the wayward tendencies of her mother, Julie. But there is a calculating quality about Laurette's adventures which shocks John. Having become John's mistress, about to become his wife, Laurette runs off to Europe where, suitably rewarded, she glitters in the company of a procession of adoring millionaires.

Restrained virtues

JOHN would have treated the whole business with stoical detachment if it had not been for one circumstance: Laurette has a Chinese son, his son.

China means little to John, but the Chinese cult of family is strong within him.

The fact that Laurette has the boy appears to him a simple act of theft. An intolerable injustice which must be instantly righted.

John's paternal love is one of the rare strong emotions of his life. He is anxious in business, he becomes wealthy; he is a decent, kindly, useful citizen, a model of restrained virtues. But oh! how he longs—for the story's sake—that there were a little more passion in the man, a shade livelier resentment over the cool patronage with which whites and coloured people treat him.

That might be, unconvicted, derogatory to Chinese pride, out of keeping with John's cold sanity. But how much more interesting! Our respect for Mr. On Loong never warms into liking or even rises to understanding. Chinese psychology is a strange region. This novel explores it with sympathy and sincerity. But it does not convey a sense of excitement.

Children's Corner

Conducted by Uncle Peter

Aeromodellers

Britain has two million "aeromodellers"—makers and flyers of model aircraft. And many of them are schoolboys—and, quite likely, school-girls too!

One person in twenty, in fact, of the people of Britain, is interested in model aircraft, and every town and village has its model aircraft club.

Rupert & the New Pat-10



After more efforts the two little friends get very tired and despondent and are both wanting to cry. Just as they are starting out for help the blacksmith himself comes from his smithy to fetch a bar of iron and looks in surprise at Rupert and Bill. At once the little bear dries his eyes and explains all about the accident. "Well, it's nothing to cry about," says the man heartily. "Just let me look at it." And he carries it round to his forge.

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Near London there is an international centre with enormous airfield, repair and service depots, restaurants and car parks. There is a research establishment too.

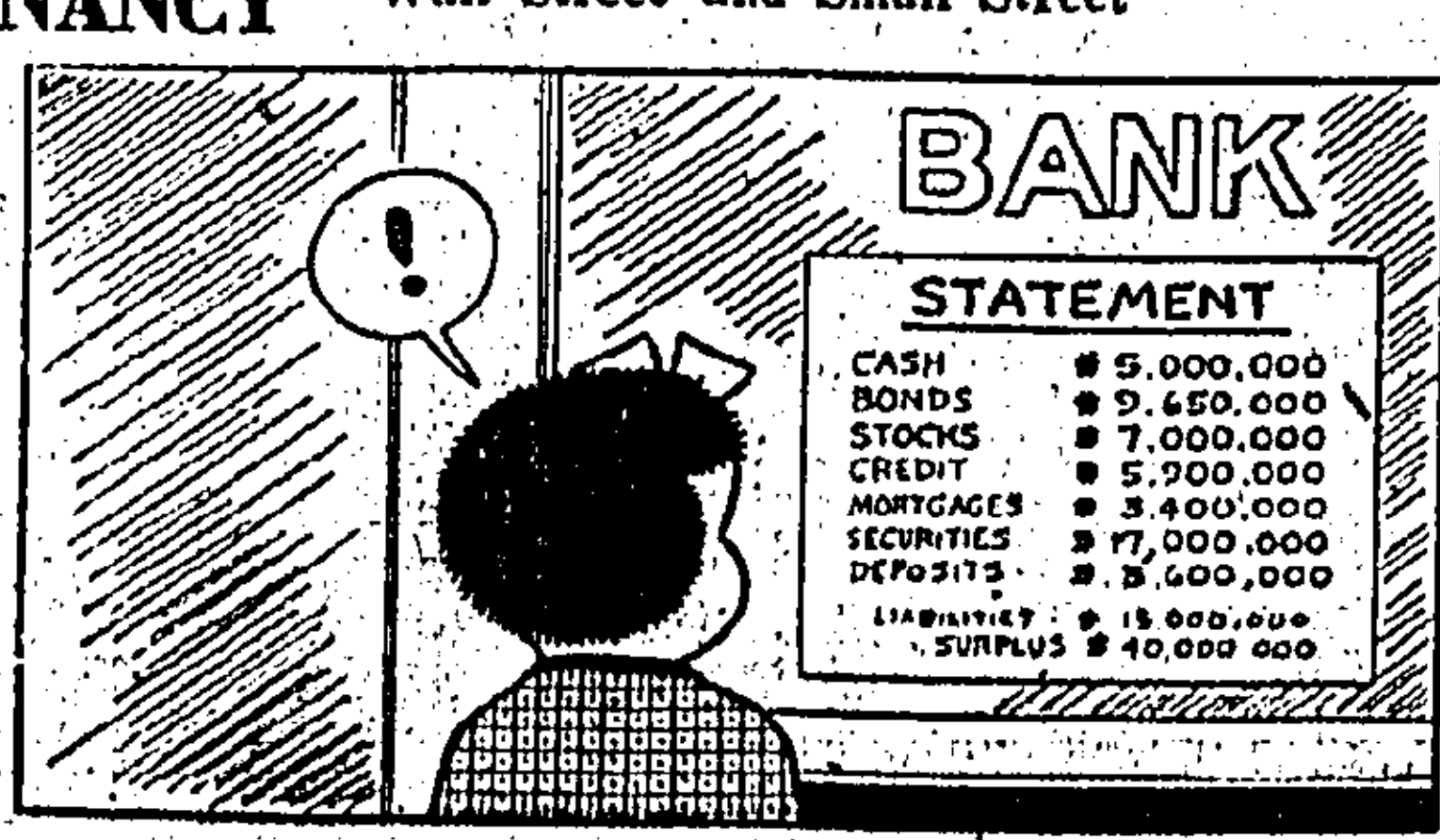
Aeromodelling rallies are held at various places from time to time, too. At one of these lately, a well-known member of a famous British aircraft manufacturing firm was much taken with the model flown by a schoolboy, and he chased him across the field and then had the long scientific discussion with him. Who knows? Probably that boy will be famous one day as an aircraft designer.

An exhibition of model aircraft has been arranged in London. There are genuine jets, swept-back wing fighters, flying wings, flying boats, and absolutely accurate models of everything known to Britain's aircraft industry.

Nobody buys these models ready-made. Oh, dear no, that isn't the thing to do at all. Every aeromodeller makes up his own model. One of the most popular presents a boy can be bought is a boxful of special wood strips, a lot of tissue paper, directions for making the model, and blueprints. The more ambitious modellers even make up their own designs.

Yes, in any park or open space the grown-ups have to be careful. They'll hear a whirling noise, and duck their heads. It's like flying bomb-balls over again, people say cheerfully!

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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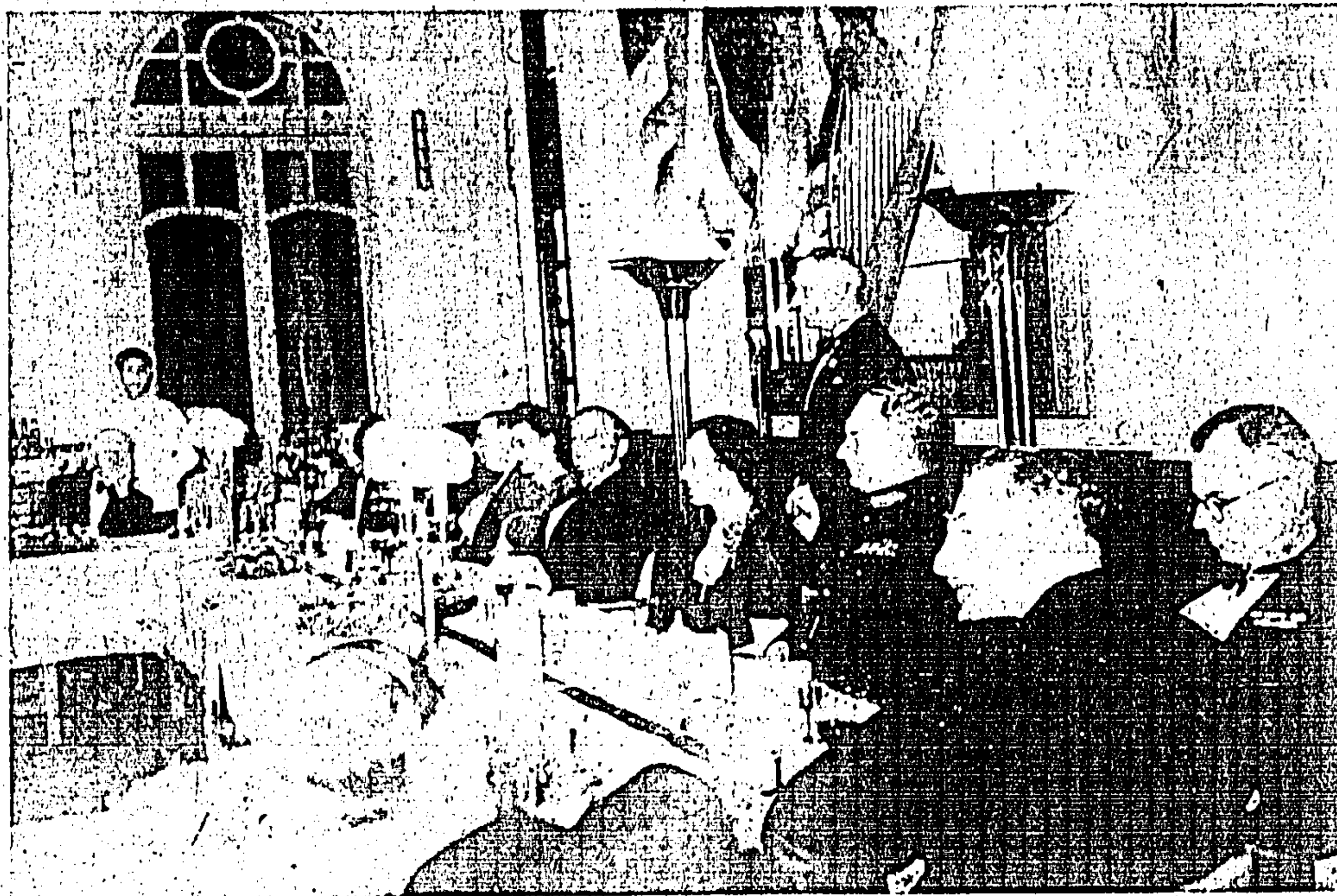
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TELEGRAPH NEWSREEL



NOTABLE wedding of the week was that of Mr Lawrence Cyril Kotewall, only son of Sir Robert Kotewall, CMG, LL.D., and Miss Constance Stella van Bergen, which took place at St John's Cathedral on Tuesday. Group taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



ST PATRICK'S DINNER—St Patrick's Day was marked last Monday for the first time since prowar. Dr J. P. Fohily, president of St Patrick's Society, is pictured addressing the gathering at the dinner in the Hongkong Hotel. HE the Governor, Sir Mark Young, and Lady Young are also seen in the picture, as are the GOC, Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine, Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, Mr Justice E. H. Williams and Commodore D. H. Everett. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE CHIEF JUSTICE, Sir Henry Blackall (right) and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams, photographed at the Supreme Court recently. (Photo: New China Studio).



MR FREDERICK HAROLD IRVING and his bride, formerly Miss Irene Mabel Connor, photographed with their attendants and friends after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ARMY won the Memorial Cup final last week, defeating Combined Chinese by three clear goals. Members of the winning team are pictured above. On right, Major-General Erskine, General Officer Commanding, presents the cup to the Army captain, Lt Partington. (Photos: Golden Studio).



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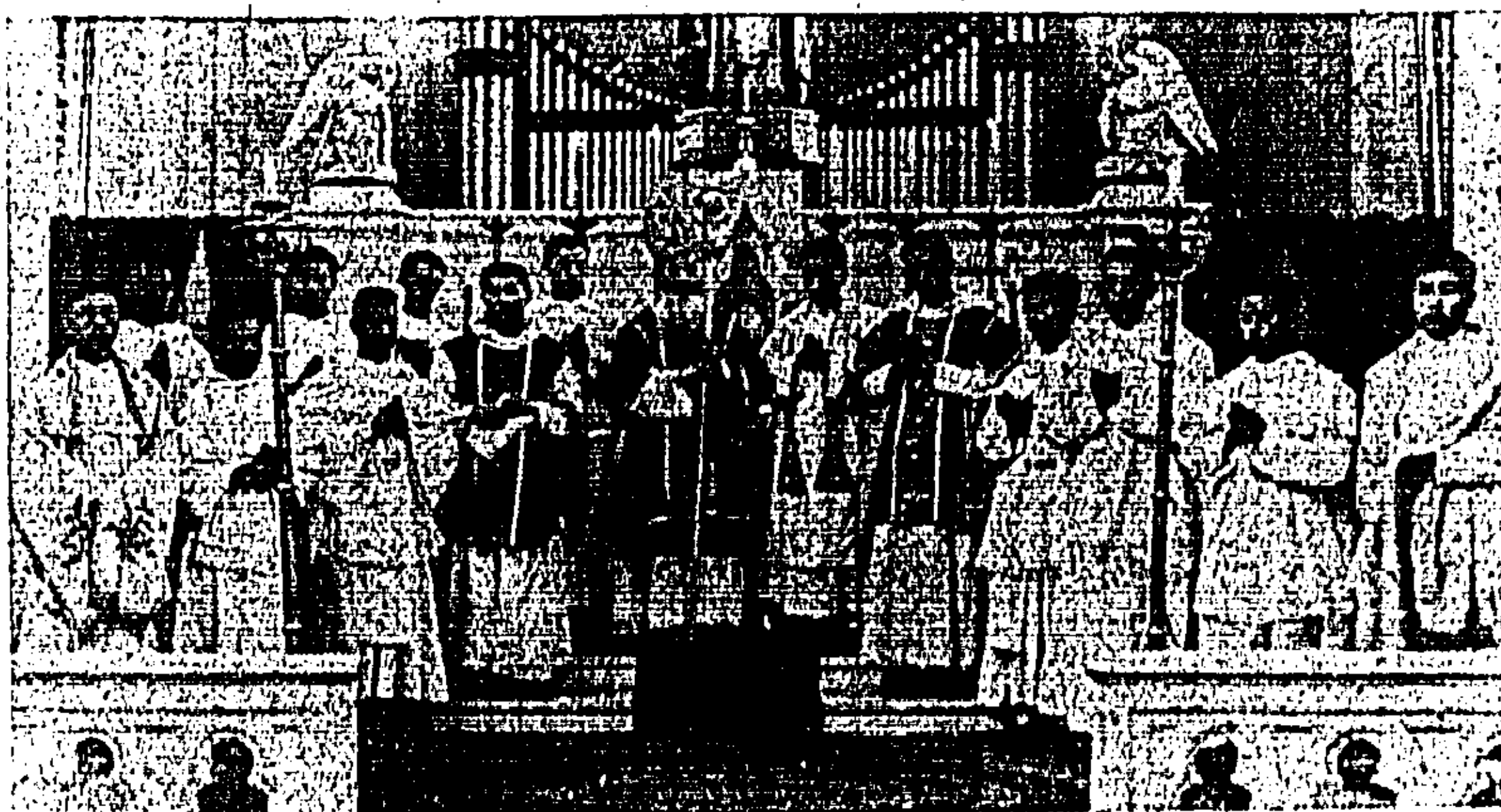
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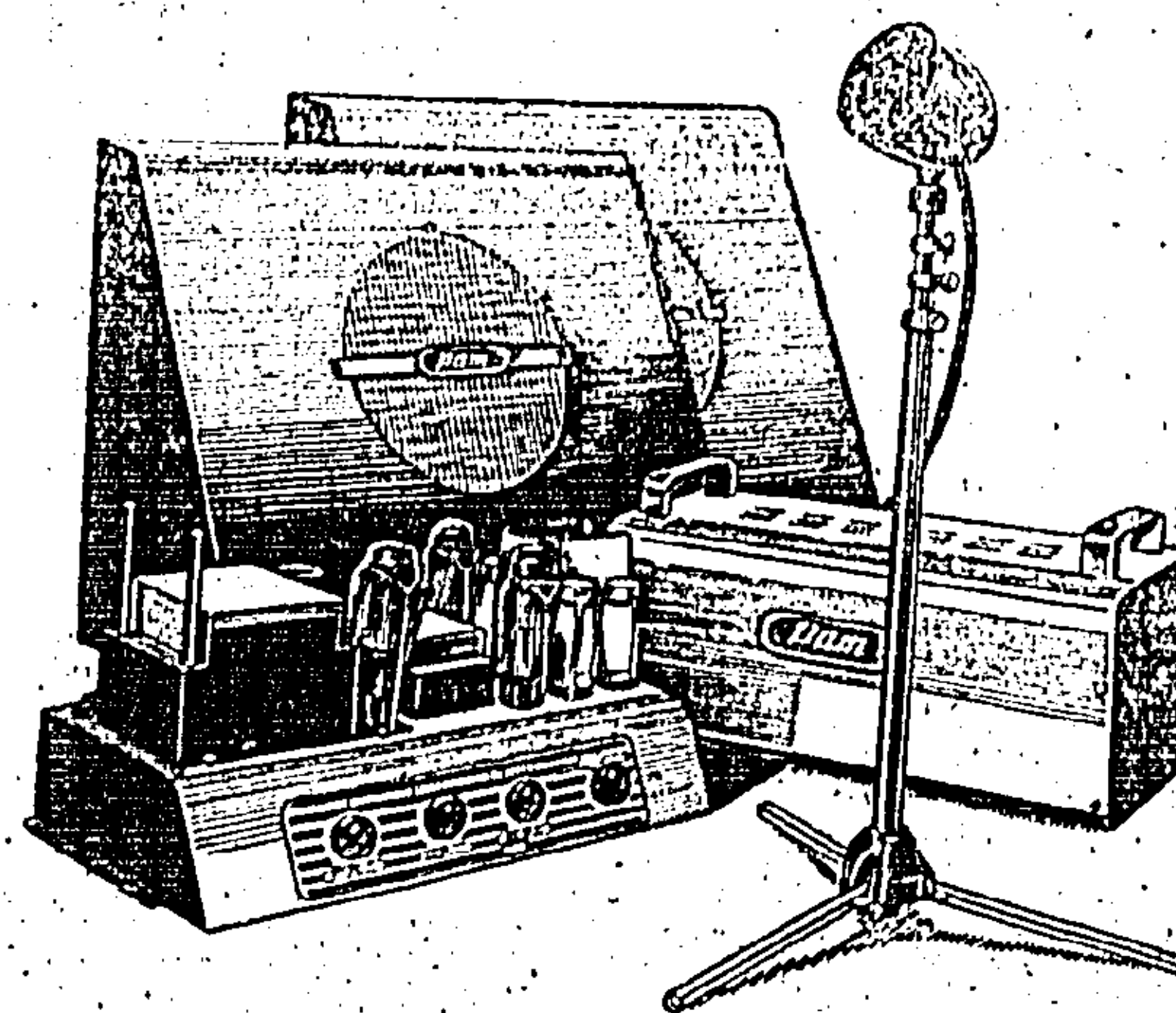
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REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr Lo Wan-shiu, son of the manager of the British American Tobacco Company's Chinese distributor, Mr Lo Min-nung, and his bride, Miss Ho Shuk-woon. They were married on Monday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ORDINATION CEREMONY—Photo taken last Sunday at Rosary Hill shows His Lordship Monsignor T. Labrador, first Archbishop of Foochow, and Dominican students on whom he conferred Orders. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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Another Illegal Immigrant Ship

Jerusalem, Mar. 21. The military authorities were reliably reported to-night to have intercepted radio signals originating somewhere in the Mediterranean, indicating that another illegal ship carrying Jewish immigrants was en route to Palestine.

A military alert was immediately prepared along the 400-mile coastal belt, and Royal Air Force planes maintained constant patrols over possible landing areas.

—United Press.

Three Camps In Corfu Dispute

New York, Mar. 21. The United Nations Security Council split into three camps to-day in the Corfu Channel mining dispute as the debate was resumed with the Albanian agent, M. Hysni Kapo, reiterating the Albanian Government's denial of any knowledge of the mines.

Five countries, including the United States, are reported to be ready to support the British charges that the illicit mines were placed with the knowledge of the Albanian Government. The mines damaged two British destroyers and killed 44 sailors.

France and Syria, forming a neutral bloc, may abstain from voting. Russia and Poland, in the third camp, staunchly defended Albania, saying Britain for failure to prove the charges.

The British, anticipating a Russian veto of any Council indictment of Albania, are reportedly ready to propose that the whole matter be handed over to the International Court of Justice.

When the vote comes up, Albania will not be allowed a voice, and Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan has announced that Britain, as a party to the dispute, will also abstain.

—United Press.

NOTICE

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Slight Hopes Arise Of Averting French Government Crisis

Paris, Mar. 21. Hopes of an eleventh-hour settlement of the French Government crisis appeared to-night. Reports of an Indo-Chinese rebel offer to negotiate reached Paris, opening the way for a possible face-saving compromise between the Communists and other major parties.

Barring this compromise, Premier Paul Ramadier's coalition will face a showdown confidence vote in the National Assembly to-morrow, and may fall on the issue in which the Communists oppose approving 34,000,000,000 francs for the Indo-China war.

FRANCE TO GET ITALIAN WORKERS

Rome, Mar. 21. The second mass emigration agreement to be signed by Italy in less than a month was formally approved to-day by the French and Italian Governments, providing for the sending of 200,000 Italian workers to France during 1947.

French Labour Minister Ambroise Croizat signed the accord for his government, Italian Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza and Labour Minister Giuseppe Romita signed for Italy.

The 29-article pact, signed in duplicate, stipulates that the 200,000 workers will enter industry and agriculture in France at the rate of 17,000 persons per month.

The accord establishes the treatment of the Italian workers in salary and social benefits, which will be identical with those of French workers. The Italian workers will be permitted to send to their families in Italy up to 40 percent of their salary.

For each Italian working in France 330 pounds of coal will be sent to Italy each day.

Clandestine Entry

The accord provides that competent Italian authorities, working with the French National Office of Immigration, will organise the recruiting of workers. Conditions of age, health and other requirements will be established for different professions by a permanent technical commission in Rome. The commission is to be made up of interested organisations and representatives of Italian and French unions.

The accord was reached after several months of negotiations. The workers are to be chosen especially from central and southern Italy in proportion to the number of unemployed in the regions. Miners, former steel workers and masons are especially in demand.

M. Croizat, in a statement before the signing, said 11,000 Italians already have entered France clandestinely, but are being held in special camps to be returned to Italy.

"I am sure Italian workers will be welcomed in France in a most cordial manner because of the ties of friendship which link our two people," he said.—United Press.

Agreement On Wheat Sought

London, Mar. 21. Agreement on the desirability of concluding an international wheat agreement has been expressed by all the delegates who have spoken so far at the international wheat conference being held in London.

A communiqué to-day stated that representatives of 23 countries out of 39 had so far spoken, including four of the Big Five—Canada, United States, Australia and Britain.

Sir Gerald Cusack, chairman of the conference, told press conference that the Argentine had not yet sent instructions to its delegate. It was safe to conclude that the delegates who had not spoken were also in agreement.

The conference is continuing its work in two committees which are preparing the text for later discussion in the plenary session.

"We are hoping to get the draft completed by Palm Sunday (March 30)," Sir Gerald said. "There is pretty general agreement that it will come into effect fairly soon."—Reuters.

BRITISH TRADE FIGURES SHOW INCREASING EXPORTS TO USSR

London, Mar. 21. Europe is again becoming a good customer for export-minded Britain.

But Empire markets—exclusive of UNRRA shipments—absorbed most goods in 1946 and British India tops the customer list.

Statistics for 1946 published to-day by the Board of Trade showing the value of Britain's external trade to individual countries disclosed that Russia, with whom Britain has been seeking a trade agreement, is already making itself felt as a good buyer.

The figures do not reflect variations involved but only in value.

Although with the Communists abstaining, M. Ramadier is assured of a majority, he is understood to have decided to quit, thus dumping squarely on the Communists full responsibility for the major crisis.

French press dispatches from Hanoi quoted Ho Chi-ming, Viet Nam President, as declaring: "It will suffice for France to utter just one word for hostilities to end."

At the same time, Tran-Ngoc-Dinh, head of the Viet Nam delegation in Paris, offered publicly to act as intermediary in reopening negotiations.

Both offers were played prominently on the front page of the Communist evening newspaper, Ce Soir.

Whether parties besides the Communists would negotiate with them is somewhat doubtful, since both M. Ramadier and the Socialist Minister of the Colonies, M. Marius Moutet, have repeatedly denounced them in harsh terms.

Thorez Voted Down

One major development in the crisis is the serious split in Communist ranks in the last three days. The Communist Party's Secretary-General, Maurice Thorez, and four Communist Ministers are known to have advised against provoking a situation that could rip the Government apart.

They were voted down by only a small margin—reportedly four—in the Communist Directing Committee which met on Wednesday night.

Thorez is now regarded as different by most of the party, and the party line is being dictated by Jacques Duclos, hard-fisted leader of the Communist Parliamentary group.

In final showdowns in the past, the French Communist Party has always turned to Moscow for arbitration in its internal differences and, maintained outward signs of solidarity, but there seems to be little doubt that at the moment Thorez and other Cabinet Ministers are left far behind the rest of the Party.

If no last-minute compromise materialises, M. Ramadier may resign to-morrow evening. From there, there is the wildest disagreement about what may happen.—United Press.

FIFTH AVENUE HERMIT FOUND DEAD IN BED

Brother Said Missing

New York, Mar. 21. One of Manhattan's famed "hermits of Fifth Avenue"—the Collyer brothers—was found dead to-day in their dilapidated mansion. The other brother is missing from the locked house.

The police used a ladder and broke through a second-storey window to enter the old Upper Fifth Avenue house.

They found Homer Collyer—who had been a blind and paralysed recluse for the past 25 years—dead in bed, apparently for several days. He had never left the house since a third brother died in 1923. Rangely customarily left only at night and then to buy food.

In the mansion the brothers had amassed a fantastic collection of antiques, including 12 pianos. Orange crates were scattered everywhere. A neighbourhood grocer said the brothers lived almost entirely on oranges and peanut butter sandwiches.

The police decided to search the house when the grocer reported that Rangely had failed to appear to buy food for several nights.—United Press.

Sagging Overseas Income Has Hollywood Worried

Hollywood, Mar. 21. Movie czar Eric Johnston to-day created two new boards to help the American movie industry to get the most out of admittedly "sick" foreign markets.

Warning that the income from overseas was in jeopardy due to the world conditions, Mr Johnston urged the industry to avoid film material which might be objectionable to foreign nations.

Mexico and Spain recently protested against Hollywood's traditional propensity to use their nationals as "villains" in westerns.

Mr Johnston also recommended fewer scenes showing excessive food consumption because of its effect on world opinion.—United Press.

Destruction Of Antarctic Supplies Causes Dispute

New York, Mar. 21. Three nations—Britain, Chile and the United States—are involved to-day in a dispute concerning the destruction of the Antarctic supply base in Marguerite Bay, Graham Land, left by the U.S. 1939 mission, which the British Foreign Office upon evidence uncovered by the American explorer, Commander Finn Ronne, blamed on the Chilean naval Antarctic expedition.

WANTS INDIA TO STAY IN EMPIRE

London, Mar. 21. The Australian Foreign Minister, Dr Herbert Evatt, is at present engaged in large scale individual diplomatic action to keep India within the Empire.

It is learned here that Dr Evatt is having a series of talks with the Indian High Commissioner to Australia, Sir Raghunath Parashottam Paranjpye, while the Australian High Commissioner to India, Sir Ivan Giffard Mackay, is having similar talks with Pandit Nehru in New Delhi.

The contacts are connected with Australia's recently pronounced desire to keep the closest defence and trade relations with India.

The talks it is reported, also concern Dr Evatt's proposed regional trade and defence conference with Australia, the Philippines, Malaya, Siam, Indo-China, Burma, Ceylon as well as India, Australia and New Zealand.

It is understood that Dr Evatt's talks do not cover one of the main obstacles to India remaining within the Commonwealth—bitterness over the unsettled dispute with the South African Union over the treatment of Indian nationals.—United Press.

WAVELL SAYS GOODBYE

New Delhi, Mar. 21. Viscount Wavell bade a soldier's farewell to India in a radio broadcast here to-day.

Making his last public address as Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell said he believed the stability of the Indian Empire would be a decisive factor in India's future.

He said he was conscious of the mistakes he had made, but "I have always worked hard for the advancement of India to self-rule. I am a soldier. My words of farewell must be a soldier's. I shall be glad if during my Viceroy years I have done anything to repay India for those happy years."

He paid tribute to Viscount Mountbatten: "My successor is a great leader and I can assure you of his goodwill towards India. You have difficult years ahead, but you will overcome them."—United Press.

U.S. Ambassador To Siam Named

Washington, Mar. 21. Mr Edwin F. Stanton has been nominated by President Truman as the first United States Ambassador to Siam.

Mr Stanton is now serving as United States Minister at Bangkok.—Reuters.

The Chilean Government last night countered with a denial of Chilean guilt, and hinted the British may have done the damage because they were there when the Chileans arrived.

Cdr Ronne had reported merely that some one had "raided, sacked and looted" the huts and supplies left by the American expedition in the region, which is claimed by Britain and Argentina, none of whose claims the United States is willing to recognize.

The British accusation created a sensation in Santiago, with the newspapers featuring it under front-page banner headlines, and brought a strongly-worded note from Chilean Defence Minister Manuel Bulnes, who issued a communiqué saying the damage was caused before the Chileans arrived.

Chilean Communiqué. He did not say flatly the British were responsible for the damage, but such an implication could be read between the lines of the communiqué, which said:

1. The British officers, when the Chilean vessels arrived, were on Stonington Island.

2. When the Chilean officers visited the U.S. supply base they found impressive disorder, destruction and putrefaction. They received the impression that other persons had previously entered the store huts, since the doors were wide open and the primitive padlocks or canvas covers destroyed.

3. The Commander of the frigate Iquique expressly warned the crew that nothing should be used or taken for fear of infection.

In conclusion, the Minister denies the tendentious stories and, profoundly lamenting that such stories which "blacken the immaculate prestige of our navy should have been published in the press of a friendly country as coming from the authorities of that country."—United Press.

RAIN HOLDS UP FLAT RACING

London, Mar. 22. The three-day Lincoln race meeting, which opens the flat-racing season, is threatened because parts of the course are flooded.

It was officially announced on Friday that Monday's programme had been abandoned, and a decision would be made on Saturday regarding the chief race—the one mile Lincolnshire handicap due to be run next Wednesday.—Associated Press.

CONSUL IN JEEP ACCIDENT

Grenoble, Mar. 21. Mr Robert Wood Brighton, United States Vice-Consul at Munich, was to-night reported to be suffering severe concussion as a result of an accident early to-day, in which the jeep he was driving ran off the highway near a gap 40 miles south-east of here and overturned twice.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

Saturday, March 22
Airmail: Singapore, Colombo, Saurabaya, Sydney, Auckland, 320 p.m.
Canton, Luchow, Kuning, Chungking, 320 p.m.

Seamail:
Straits, 3 p.m.
Manila, 1 p.m. and 10 a.m.
Bangkok, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 4 p.m.
Canton, 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 23
Airmail: Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland, London, 10 a.m.

Seamail:
Canton, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow, 10 a.m.
Taankong, 10 a.m.
Kongmoon, 10 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 10 a.m.
Canton, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 24
Airmail: Saigon, Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 320 p.m.
Hankow, Canton, Amoy, Fochow, Shanghai, 320 p.m.

Seamail:
Canton, India, East and South Africa, 10 a.m.
Straits, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Kongmoon, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 4 p.m.
Canton, 4 p.m.

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Atlantic Airliner Overdue

Lisbon, Mar. 21.

Airport authorities here said to-day that a Pan-American airliner carrying 25 passengers from Rio de Janeiro to Lisbon developed engine trouble and was in difficulty in bad flying weather 30 minutes after it flew over Vilanceros this afternoon.

The plane was said to be carrying an Italian commercial attaché named Baroni and the Brazilian artist, Ay-mee Carlos Elias.

According to airport reports, the liner flew over the Canaries at 9,000 feet at 1 p.m. As weather conditions at Lisbon were bad, the airports at Gibraltar and Port Lyautey were alerted to prepare for a possible emergency landing.

The airliner was reported to be flying with one engine stopped and losing oil rapidly.

It left Dakar at 9 a.m. this morning, and was scheduled to arrive at Lisbon at 4 p.m.—United Press.

Dakota Located

Baghdad, Mar. 21.

The American Air Transport Command Dakota, which has been missing since Wednesday on its weekly Dharan to Baghdad schedule, was located from the air to-day at Ak Kuleh, Persia, by an ATC B-17 search plane.

First reports reaching Baghdad said the five-man crew was safe.

The Dakota apparently made a crash landing after running out of gasoline in bad weather.—United Press.

Wheat & Grain Allocations

Washington, Mar. 22. The Agriculture Department announced to-day it will permit the export of wheat and other grains including corn, oats and barley in May.

The Department set aside 203,000 long tons of wheat and 1,093,000 tons of other grains for May export. The May allocations for all the grains and flour included: China, 9,000 tons, United States zones in the Pacific 174,000 tons and India 81,000 tons.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

SINO-BRITISH CLUB

The next meeting of the Sino-British Club will take place at St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 26th March, at 5.30 p.m.

The speaker will be MR. CHU CHIANG SING, Resident Commissioner for the four Government Banks of China situated in Hongkong. The Subject of the talk will be

"THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL EMBLEMS OF CHINA, STARTING WITH THE HAN DYNASTY."

The talk will be illustrated by an exhibition of pictures.

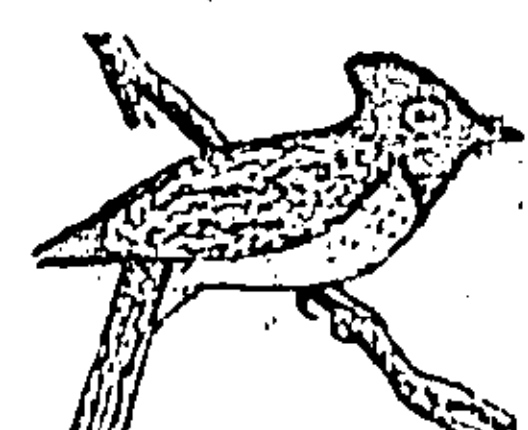
Principals of schools have been invited to send a certain number of their senior students to the meeting.

It is hoped that all members of the club, together with their friends, will attend this meeting.

E. A. OPIE,

Secretary.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB.



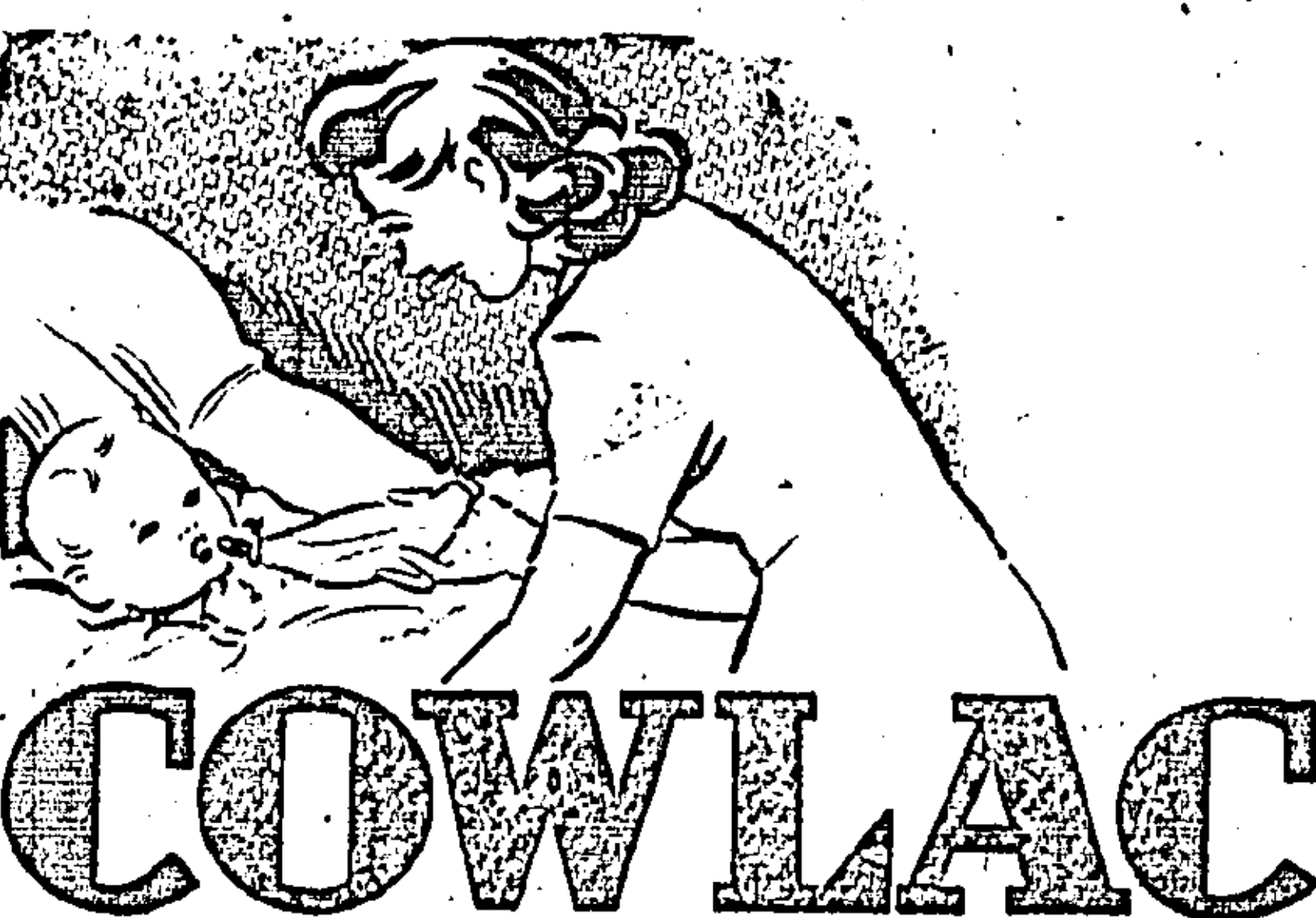
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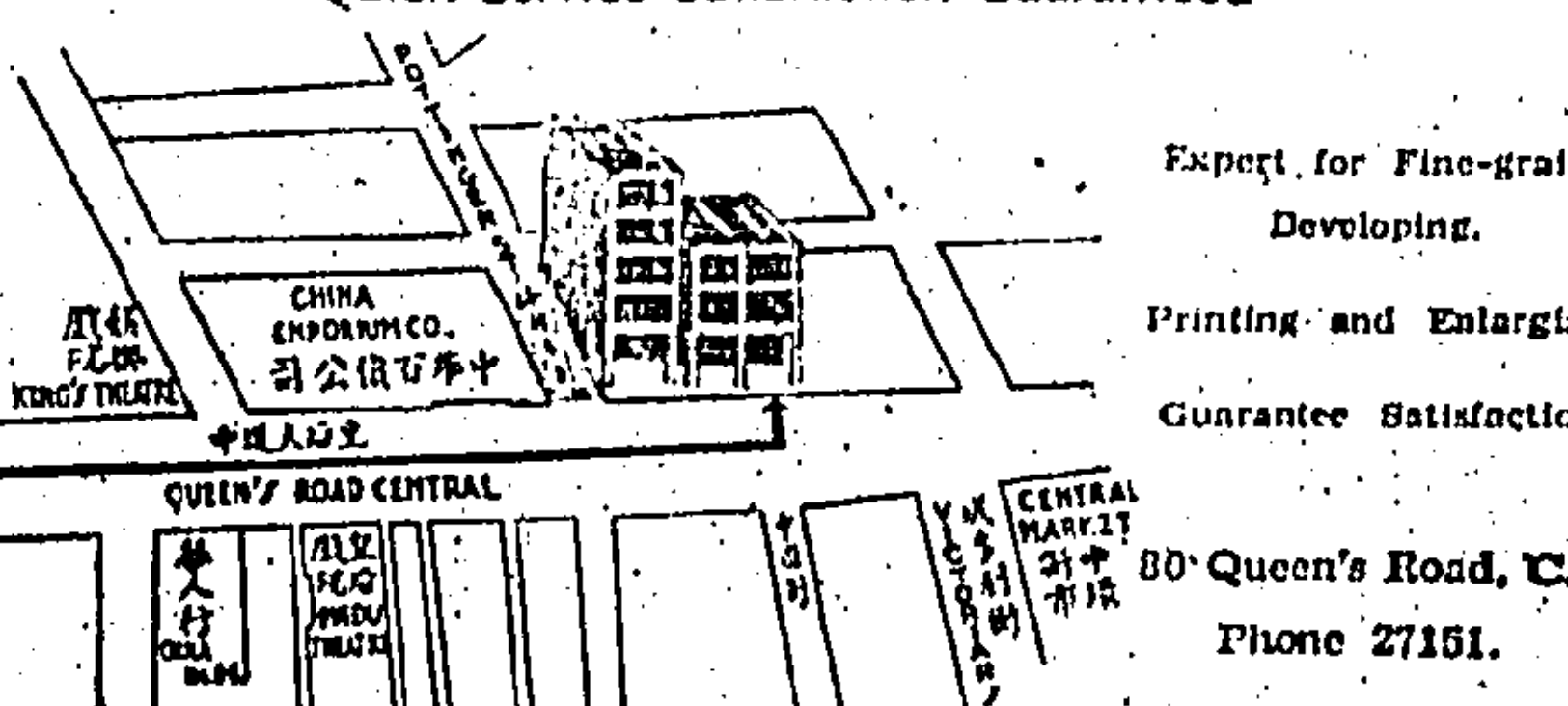
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Having received the necessary authority from headquarters, it is now possible to re-start the local branch of the British Legion, and all ex-active Service men and women of the two Wars are cordially invited to attend at a meeting to be held at the Canteen, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 31st March to elect Officers.

E. J. R. Mitchell,
Former Committee Member.